Written Testimony from Amber Allred Prospect St. Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440

Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Amber Allred. I am 15 years old and I am a freshman at Mineral Ridge High School. I am sorry that I could not attend your hearing, but I have school.

I go to Air Rifle and Archery for Youth and Ladies' Day shooting on Saturdays. Before I started attending things I had never shot a gun or bow. My father has become a member of Western Reserve and he's taken me a lot. Since I've started going, coaches and instructors have taught me fire safety, how to hold a gun, how to shoot and even about how the guns work. Everyone is so friendly. I love archery, shooting and target shooting.

I do not think guns should be banned or regulated more because I don't think they are the problem in this country or government. If guns get banned, it will only cause more problems. Guns should not be taken away from citizens who obey the laws already. I worry that if guns get banned bad things could happen. Think about the Holocaust and how taking guns from the Jews helped that tragedy to become so big. History, most likely, repeats itself. I don't want to see any tragedy in America ever happen because guns were banned.

Thank you for reading my statement.

Amber Allred