My name is Robert Dunsmore, I live in Springfield, OH 45502, and I would like to submit my written opposition testimony against House Bill 585 for entry into the public record at Thursday's Opponent Testimony Hearing on HB585.

Testimony:

I am a decorated Army veteran with actual combat/anti-terrorism experience. The truth is, if someone wants to hurt innocent people, you can not stop them. You can look at The United Kingdom, which has some of the strictest gun control laws in the world and the murder rate in London (their largest city) has ski rocketed. You remove guns and ammunition, people will use knives, you remove knives people will use cars, etc., etc. our own CDC has research (they will hardly publish because of political bias) that outlines the fact that guns are used to save double/triple the number of people's lives that are taken by the criminal use of guns. Now, the fact that you are even considering taking away people's second amendment rights without constitutional due process in a kangaroo court is shameful. You wanna save kids and the innocent masses? Then use armed personnel in schools, malls, places of worship. There are hundreds of thousands of retired military and law enforcement who would do the job, and I am one of them. There is a quote from Thomas Jefferson "those who would trade liberty for safety deserve neither". Our best bet to counter the flood of violence is to take responsibility for our lives and those around us. It's not possible for the Federal, State, or local government's to make you safe 100% if the time. You "We the People" are the only one's who can provide/prepare for our safety 100% of the time. The decline of our society started in 1963 when Gob/the Bible/prayer we're removed from our schools and American society in general. There is no moral compass guiding/governing our young people and it will only get worse. Our country was founded on Judeo Christian values and we need to get back to them or we won't have a state or country left.

Very respectfully, Robert W. Dunsmore Captain (Ret.) United States Army