

Opposition Testimony on House Bill 189

Submitted by: Jennifer Botimer

To the Chairman, Ranking Member, and members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to House Bill 189. My name is Jennifer Botimer and I am a preschool teacher and the mother of a young daughter. I live in Jackson Township which is a suburban and rural community near Canton.

I am writing because I strongly oppose HB 189. As a mother, I worry about the kind of state my daughter will grow up in. Gun violence is the number one cause of death for children and teens in Ohio. Removing taxes from a certain product is going to promote sales of that product. Why would I want more guns around my child? I love her and I want her to live in a safe community. Research shows that more guns in a state is associated with more gun deaths.

Vote NO on HB 189.

Thank you,

Jennifer Botimer