Opposition Testimony: HB 189 Submitted by Carol Kralick

To the Chair, 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 Carol Kralik. I am a senior citizen living in a rural area of Stark County and I vote.

I oppose HB 189. Granting tax exemption status to weapons that are frequently used to kill Ohioans violates the rights of Ohioans to life, prosperity and security. *Our state government must not become a partner in our violent deaths.* Every year, more than 1,700 people die and more than 3,700 are wounded by guns in Ohio. We should not have to live in fear of walking in a park, shopping, enjoying an outdoor concert or even gardening in our backyard because Ohio legislators believe that the Second Amendment is more important than our freedom.

Please vote against HB 189.

Respectfully, Carol Kralik