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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB2006

Dear Chairman Kropf and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing to ask that you support HB 2006 which will raise the age to purchase and possess a semi-automatic rifle from 18 to 21 years old.

Teenagers and young adults should not have access to weapons of war. We have age restrictions on alcohol, marijuana and tobacco - none of which can be used to commit mass murder in a matter of seconds. 18-to-20 years old commit gun homicides at a rate nearly 3 times greater than adults 21-and-over. This bill can help reduce that number by allowing the brains of these young people to develop and mature before gaining access to such powerful weapons.

HB 2006 carves out the necessary exceptions for military and law enforcement. The bill does not dispossess those who already have these types of weapons. This bill is part of a sensible plan to reduce gun violence in schools, movie theaters, grocery stores, concert venues, night clubs, and all of the other locations where we've watched, in horror, the results of a teenager with a semi-automatic rifle.

Please pass this bill so that we can keep our communities safe.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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