

Testimony on Senate Bill 317  
Government Oversight and Reform Committee

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Chair Coley, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to SB 317. My name is Julia Schirmer and I reside in Columbus, Ohio and vote in every election. I am deeply concerned by the legislation in SB 317. Arming teachers with guns under the auspices of protecting innocent school children is a risk I'm not willing to support. It is not logical to think that adding guns to school environments will secure safety, rather the exposure to additional accidental uses of guns increases exponentially. Guns do not belong in schools unless in the hands of trained law enforcement personnel appointed on security detail. PERIOD. In addition, the economic hardships stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic will impact schools greatly this year; please do not risk adding to their financial burden by arming untrained civilian teachers and subjecting schools to skyrocketing insurance premiums due to this massively dangerous choice. My son is a public school student and entering high school. We work hard to understand how to achieve peaceful resolution when conflict arises...not violence. Please continue to protect his safety by voting NO on SB 317.

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