

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.

I am an Ohioan from Loveland, and I am writing to request that you pull your support from Senate Bill 317. As a teacher in an Ohio elementary school, I believe this bill would result in increased incidents of shootings in schools which is inexcusable, particularly when preventable. More guns in schools allows more opportunity for children to access guns, which decreases their safety and the safety of those around them.

Teachers, or any school staff, carrying weapons in schools, let alone with fewer than 10 hours of training, in no way increases my feeling of safety either as a teacher or as a parent with children in Ohio schools. In fact, I would feel much less safe should this be allowed. Continuing to push this bill forward is detrimental to our state, schools, communities and children.

I implore you to vote against SB 317. Ohioans deserve to be safe in schools, and putting more weapons in schools will not allow this to happen. Thank you.