

Testimony on Senate Bill 317
Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Submitted by:
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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 Sarah Krieg. I am an Ohio resident and a voter. I want to express my strong opposition to SB 317. Every teacher with whom I have spoken about this bill feels unequivocally that it will do nothing to make either themselves or their students safer. Research has shown that more guns on school campuses contributes to more gun violence. SB 317 would allow school districts to employ armed personnel in schools with as little as eight hours of concealed carry training (six of which can be completed online); or with no training at all, if firearms are not concealed when carried. The fact that SB 317 reduces the amount of training required to carry a weapon on school grounds is reckless and unnecessary. My child will be in kindergarten next month, and I can say without a doubt that I would not feel any better about her safety if I knew that any teacher in either her classroom or her school was armed; especially without the appropriate and vital amount of training. The bills that I feel would positively impact her safety most are the ones that ask for universal background checks, red flag laws, safe storage laws, and other common sense gun safety measures. I respectfully ask that you vote against SB 317 and instead focus on the gun bills that have been proven to keep people safe.

Sincerely,
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