

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 Ohio resident, and a voter. I strongly oppose SB 317. In fact, I am appalled to learn that the gun lobby is pushing dangerous legislation that would drastically reduce safety training requirements for teachers who carry loaded handguns inside elementary, middle and high schools. Please put the safety of your constituents first and reject SB 317!

SB 317 would allow school districts to employ armed personnel in schools with as little as 8 hours of concealed carry training, or with no training at all if firearms are not concealed when carried. That's crazy! Why would we require so little training for use of a deadly weapon in our schools??

Actually, there is no amount of training that makes it safe for teachers to carry guns in schools. SB 317 would worsen an already-dangerous situation. I urge you to please vote no on SB 317.

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