

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 a resident of West Carrollton, Ohio, and I am a concerned mother of three. I do not want any teachers in my son's schools who are not sufficiently trained (as much as a police officer) and carrying a weapon. Too much will go wrong in this scenario! Teachers have enough to worry about. They should not be safety officers too.

SB 317 would exempt teachers from the current training requirement, and allow school districts to employ armed personnel in schools with as little as 8 hours of concealed carry training (6 of which can be completed online)—or with no training at all, if firearms are not concealed when carried. This is absolutely ridiculous. Stop the madness, and please vote no on SB 317.

Respectfully submitted,

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