

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 have taught your children and the children of Ohio for over 40 years. I do NOT want guns in the schools, nor will I tolerate them. Oddly enough, guns are not allowed in the statehouse, or in federal buildings. You MUST let go of this bill. YOU are not a teacher. SB 317 would allow teachers to carry loaded guns in Ohio elementary, middle, and high schools without completing the safety training required by current Ohio law. 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 by gutting the training Ohio law currently requires and allows teachers to carry guns in schools without extensive safety training.

Please stop trying to interfere in education, and vote NO on SB 317.

Respectfully submitted,

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