Testimony on Senate Bill 317 Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Submitted by: Rita Williams

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.

As a citizen of Ohio, a mother and a grandmother, I am distressed to hear about SB 317 which would change the training requirement for carrying weapons in a school setting. 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 allowing teachers to carry guns in schools without extensive safety training.

Ohio should be a state that protects the safety of its citizens with common-sense rules. SB 317 does not meet this criteria.

I have raised three children and am now raising two grandchildren. I feel that sending them to school, or any place else, where there are untrained people with firearms, puts them in danger.

Please vote no on this dangerous bill.

Respectfully,
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