

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 teach in Butler County, and most of my students live in your district. As a teacher and a voter, I urge you to oppose SB 317.

I am not comfortable teaching in schools with other teachers who are not adequately trained carrying guns. Even extensively trained police officers struggle with accuracy in an active shooter situation, and more guns in schools opens the possibility of accidental discharges, as well as misplaced and stolen guns. There really is no amount of training that would make guns safe in schools, but decreasing the training requirement makes the situation even more dangerous.

Please vote no on SB 317. Anyone carrying a gun in a school should be highly trained: it's just common sense. Do not put my students and coworkers at risk.

Sincerely,