

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. My name is Betsy Poling and I am a proud Ohio resident, voter, and former teacher.

As a former teacher, I strongly oppose SB 317 as I know the risks of having school personnel carry a loaded firearm. According to the bill, school boards could allow armed teachers to have only 8 hours of training, which falls far short of the 700 + hours that school resource officers complete. Teachers do not want to arm themselves and know that guns could be misplaced, stolen or could accidentally harm a student or staff. My parents and students would not want me to carry a firearm and would be traumatized if I did.

Please listen to teachers, parents, students and constituents and vote NO on SB 317.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Poling