

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 Christie Lukegard, an Ohio Resident and the mother of two school aged children. I strongly oppose Senate Bill 317.

I am the daughter of a police officer and the mother of a new Kindergartner this upcoming school year. I want our schools in Ohio to be safe and to protect our young children. Legislation that allows individuals to carry a gun with no training and enter schools does the exact opposite of that. Quite frankly, it's reckless.

Research shows most teachers and school safety experts oppose guns in schools and arming civilians is not an effective way to stop an active shooter. Police officers are required to have over 700 hours of training to carry their gun. Carrying a firearm is a huge responsibility and that burden does not need to be placed with our school teachers and staff.

I urge you to vote against Senate Bill 317. You will be keeping our schools safe and my 5 year old daughter safe with this action. Thank You.

Christie Lukegard