

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 am a resident of Broadview Heights, Ohio, and have been an Ohio voter since 1999.

SB 317 would permit local school boards to authorize teachers with no training or experience in firearms to carry a loaded firearm into a school in Ohio. SB317 would worsen an already-dangerous situation by gutting the current Ohio training law and allowing teachers to carry guns in schools without extensive safety training.

I have three daughters in elementary and middle school. My youngest will be entering first grade, and it is shocking to think that every day her teacher could walk into a classroom filled with curious six and seven-year-old children carrying a gun with absolutely no training. And, if SB317 passes, there is nothing that I, as a concerned mother, can do to stop this madness from happening.

I strongly urge you to vote no on SB317. This bill is wrong for Ohio teachers, wrong for Ohio students, and wrong for Ohio families.

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