

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'm a concerned voter in Ohio. SB 317 would allow teachers to carry loaded guns in Ohio elementary, middle, and high schools without completing the safety training required by current Ohio law. This would allow school districts to employ armed personnel in schools with as little as 8 hours of concealed carry training which 6 of those hours can be completed online or with NO TRAINING at all, if firearms are not concealed when carried. There is no amount of training that makes it safe for teachers to carry guns in schools.

As a concerned voter with two of my grandchildren ages 5 and 10 as Ohio school students, it is not a good situation for them in the classroom. Guns can easily be taken if someone is intent on doing harm in the classroom. My daughter-in-law is also a teacher in Ohio, and this would put her in a dangerous situation - just like the children she is trying to teach. No teachers want to be armed. They didn't sign up to be policemen, they signed up and are committed to be educators to our future generations. They want to teach. No children should be put in harms way. This is what would happen if this bill would pass.

I strongly urge you to vote against SB 317.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Logan