

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 an Ohio resident and voter who very much opposes HB317 and asks that you vote no on this bill to radically reduce the current safety training requirements for teachers allowed to carry firearms within their schools.

I seriously question whether teachers should be carrying guns in schools in the first place, but your bill would make it even more problematic. Anyone allowed to carry a gun should have the proper training, especially in a school setting. Why would you want to weaken existing requirements in such a drastic way? If your bill is enacted, it would increase the possibilities that untrained teachers might injure or kill students or other school personnel because of their lack of readiness to properly use a firearm. Students would be less safe than they are now.

Why don't you stop pushing the gun lobby's agenda and instead think how your bill might negatively affect your constituents? This is outrageous. Please oppose SB 317.

Respectfully submitted,

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