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Testimony on Senate Bill 317
Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Submitted by:
Donna Abel

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 teacher who strongly opposes arming teachers in schools. Guns have no place in schools, and arming teachers will only make schools less safe. 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. There is no amount of training that makes it safe for teachers to carry guns in schools. SB 317 would worsen an already-dangerous situation by gutting the training Ohio law currently requires and allowing teachers to carry guns in schools without extensive safety training.

Please keep our students and teachers safe by voting no on SB 317.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Abel