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Testifying on Bill Number: SB 317

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Testimony on Senate Bill 317
Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Submitted by:
Linda Overholt

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.

As one of your Butler County constituents, I request that you now vote against SB 317 and allow the current Ohio state law to prevail in terms of needed training for anyone carrying a gun in a school safety zone.

I am opposed to SB 317, and I have long been opposed to efforts to arm teachers. Both the National Education Association and the National Federation of Teachers have stated opposition to arming teachers. Teachers want to teach and are trained to do so. They are not trained to be peace officers or security guards, nor do they wish to require the training necessary. The population of the United States has excessive and dangerous access to guns, and we do not need to have guns unintentionally accessible to students in our schools. We certainly do not need to put guns into the hands of school personnel who are not properly trained nor comfortable with using them.

I believe that SB 317 is a dangerous law! Please vote no on SB 317.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Overholt
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