

Dear Senator Bill Coley-

My name is Sam Childers and I am a teacher in Ohio and am urging you to VOTE NO on SB 317. We CANNOT allow the arming of school teachers, especially with no firearms training. This is a very bad idea. Who knows how a teacher would react in an active shooter situation, especially with no training. Also, a student might be able to gain access to a teacher's firearm. The National Federation of Teachers, and the National Education Association agree that this is a bad idea. The focus of arming teachers ignores the risks of bringing more weapons into a school setting. Schools are also open to more liability lawsuits when they arm teachers. The last thing we need are unqualified teachers running around buildings with weapons. We need to leave that to the trained professionals and school safety personnel. Teachers do NOT want this to pass. WE SHOULD NOT BE ARMING TEACHERS IN THE CLASSROOM. This will negatively affect your reelection chances if you pass such a bill. Thank you.