

Please do not allow any further hearings on SB 317. This bill should go no further.

I have already heard from my State Senator, Matt Dolan, that he opposes this dangerous bill. I am very grateful for his wise choice and for his concern for safety in schools.

Now, I am furthering my appeal to the members of this committee. Please do not let any more hearings occur on this bill. It is a dangerous bill that would threaten the lives of students, staff and volunteers inside Ohio Schools. Schools should be safe for all, and putting firearms in untrained hands is not safe. It is not safe anywhere, but it is *especially* unsafe in schools.

Anyone carrying loaded firearms in Ohio schools should have rigorous training to use firearms effectively and safely. SB 317 simply tosses aside the current standards and shows no concern for the safety of students, teachers, volunteers and visitors on school grounds.

Reasonable, thoughtful leadership on *any* issue regarding guns in schools should come from the state leaders. These important guidelines should not be left to local governments and school boards. State leadership – the Ohio General Assembly - has the constitutional responsibility to protect Ohio school children. The provisions in this bill actually endanger children.

Please do not bring SB 317 out of committee. The lives of our children and educators are at stake.

Please support the safety and well-being of our children in the state of Ohio both inside and outside the schools. Abandon SB 317.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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