

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:

I am a constituent in West Chester and am grateful for the opportunity to present testimony in opposition to SB 317. The senseless slaughter of very young children in Sandy Hook, Connecticut and then again at Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, Florida left me reeling. As my heart has broken, so has my silence in the face of the tyranny of irresponsible gun laws.

I am horrified to discover today that you are keen to introduce handguns into classrooms full of young people, while allowing school boards to eliminate any training requirements for the teacher or staff member who may have them. This position is impossible for me to reconcile with a person of sound mind. I hope your misplaced enthusiasm for this terrible idea is short-lived and you will regain your faculties quickly. Please reject SB 317.

Sincerely,
Mark Halloran
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