

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, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to SB 317.

My name is Sarah Moskovitz and I am an Ohio resident and voter. I have lived in Cincinnati my whole life, went to Montessori school from kindergarten to high school and my Jewish background guides my values and principles in life.

This bill that would allow teachers to arm themselves in schools is dangerous and I do not support it. Teachers and school safety experts oppose arming teachers in schools. The federal government's chief legal, law enforcement, public health, education and emergency management agencies all agree that allowing civilians to carry guns in schools is not a sound security practice.

This is important to me because I was once a student and I would feel less safe knowing there are guns in the schools. I also have friends who are former and current teachers. Placing this burden on them is unsafe and unfair. They are there to teach students and build lasting relationships and teach in fun and interesting ways, not be security officers.

I urge you to vote against SB317.

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