

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.

Hello. My name is Angela Ruffolo, and I am a high school teacher, resident, & voter in Dayton, Ohio. This is my 27th year in teaching.

I oppose SB317 as a teacher because I strongly believe that arming teachers is definitely NOT the way to protect our students from active shooters in our school. Arming teachers sounds like a recipe for disaster, danger, and possibly even more deaths. There are so many other options that would be much more effective and safer than arming teachers such as improving the physical security of our buildings, providing resources for more mental health experts to help our students, parents, and teachers, mandatory background checks and gun registration for all gun purchases, and putting more resources into our schools that help build strong community connections and safe places to go and people to talk to when in need or when in a crisis.

I strongly urge the committee to vote AGAINST SB317. This a decision that literally is life and death. If you care about the safety and well-being of schools, our students, faculty, & staff - then please, vote against SB317.

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