

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 Robert Jordan. I have lived in Ohio all of my 63 years. I have recently retired from truck driving and plan on spending more of my time outdoors.

When I was young, I remember my dad taking me hunting and fishing. We would spend all day together and he was always teaching me about the right way to do things. My dad was a veteran of Korea and that experience taught him how deadly firearms are. "You must have respect for guns" he would always preach to me. He taught me how to take them apart to clean them properly and to always make sure they were in safe working order. He always locked his guns up and kept the ammunition in a separate location.

Sadly, the respect for gun safety has left us. A friend of mine who has a concealed carry license told me of a time he had lost his handgun. He had no idea where he left it. A couple days later his six-year-old grandson was visiting. He came running up telling his grandpa he had found his gun. His only concern was his daughter would find out.

This would have been unimaginable when I was young but sadly today it is a totally reasonable incident. Senate bill 317 is justifying this kind of behavior. Putting thousands of kids in that very situation.

They describe guns as Lethal weapons. We seem to have lost sight of that. Legalizing random people, without any knowledge that they have any qualifications, into schools with loaded guns and acting like that makes kids safer is hard to understand. I know my dad would not.

Thank you,  
Robert Jordan