

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.

Good morning. My name is Debbie Westheimer; I live in District 14 and I'm a registered voter. My husband and I met in Madisonville Elementary school in the late 70's. He taught fourth, fifth and sixth graders for seventeen years. I was a reading aid. We would under no circumstance choose to be responsible for a gun in our classroom.

I am against SB317. I do not believe that arming teachers improves the chances that our schools will become safer places. In fact, I believe, there's a higher likelihood that there would be more chance of accidental shootings. After Jaime Guttenberg was murdered in Florida, I became involved with Moms Demand Action, an arm of Everytown for Gun-Safety. I am against SB317.

Take a look at the Everytown for Gun Safety school summary fact sheet <https://tinyurl.com/ETSchoolSafety> and there you will find persuasive evidence for why you too should vote no.

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