

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 daughter is an elementary school teacher and I have three grandchildren in public schools.

As it is, covering curriculum while managing behavioral issues, the expected occasional upsets or accidents, and now COVID-19 concerns, teachers have much on their plates. To suggest bringing untrained personnel with loaded guns into the classrooms is an invitation for disaster.

I am aware of the relationship between the gun lobby, politicians, and money. Some faction of "more guns" always seems to emerge as a solution to violent situations. Like most Ohioans I believe our tax dollars would be better spent working to outlaw the sale of automatic weapons or bump stocks to civilians.

I strongly oppose SB317 and direct the committee to do the same.

Thank you,
Kathleen Weiss