

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. I am a resident of Toledo, Ohio, and have very strong feelings against this bill.

I feel that teachers have enough responsibility to educate students and cannot do this and be responsible for the training, using, and safekeeping of a firearm. Securing schools is incredibly important. There are ways to safely do this. Teachers who are already tasked with so much, but undertrained in the use of firearms is not the way.

This bill would allow school districts to decide for themselves, effectively absolving Ohio lawmakers of any responsibility for the consequences of an accidental shooting by a teacher or a student, not to mention the possibility of different consequences of white and non-white teachers.

I cannot say strongly enough how unsafe SB 317 would make me feel. Please vote no on SB 317.

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