

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 Ohio and currently in my 31st year of teaching high school. I am appalled at the proposed SB 317. There is no good evidence on the effect of arming teachers and other school personnel. I know I am extremely uncomfortable that anyone without extensive training would be carrying a gun in a school. Without these many hours in training, it is unlikely that your average person would be able to quickly and properly respond to any mass shooting. What is the likelihood that instead a horrible accident would happen? There is no place for guns in schools, except, perhaps, for those carried by highly trained police.

I urge you to vote against SB 317. It is a disaster waiting to happen.

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