

Testimony on Senate Bill 317

Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Submitted by:

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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 Mary Jacqueline Montgomery. I am a retired educator. I have been a classroom teacher from elementary through high school in both regular and special education as well as a school administrator totally 40 years. I have 2 grown children & 9 grandchildren. All but one of my grandchildren attend public school in Ohio.

I am vehemently opposed to Senate Bill 317.

This bill is NOT an appropriate response to school violence. I do not want my grandchildren seeing teachers or staff carrying guns in their schools. And carrying concealed guns is even worse. I believe it sets up a horrible accident to happen. No amount of training makes this appropriate. Public schools should continue to be gun-free zones. Public schools are meant to support and educate children not scare or hurt or worse yet potentially kill them.

Please oppose SB317.

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