

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.

As a teacher who has dedicated my career to working with our most vulnerable, special needs students, I am in strong opposition to Senate Bill 317.

Allowing teachers to be armed in school with minimal training is very dangerous. This will put our students, teachers and all other school personnel at great risk. No amount of training will make us safe. I am opposed to the arming of teachers, period.

I continue to hope that my school is a safe environment. I do not believe arming teachers will accomplish that. In fact, I think it will create an unsafe environment. God forbid one of the many, many students we work with today who have mental health issues should happen upon a weapon in school. It has potential to create another school tragedy.

Respectfully,
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