

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.

I am a resident of Ohio, a 63-year-old widow responsible for my full time job, a difficult -to-maintain old house, a elderly mother in declining health, and two adult children still trying to find their places in this world, and yet once again, I am asked to interrupt a rare moment of peace to present my testimony to you because once again, the Republican Senate majority wants to pass an ill-conceived and dangerous bill that will literally threaten the lives of Ohio's schoolchildren.

You are sending babies to school wearing masks, as guinea pigs in this pandemic, and now you want to arm their untrained teachers. And as if they aren't overworked and threatened with a deadly virus already, you want to burden teachers with decisions about whether or not they should shoot their own students? Imagine the consequences of your precious SB317 in the real world, where real people---the people you pretend to care about and serve---actually live. The fact you see no problem with school districts adopting this dangerous scheme without parental consent or approval only deepens my outrage. And who's responsible for the schools' increased liability payments? And the inevitable court cases and lawsuits?

YOU are responsible for this nonsense. YOU need to end it. And WE will be here every step of the way until you do. Vote against SB 317.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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