

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.

My name is Mary Ann Theby and I am an Ohio resident and voter. I have worked for over 30 years as a social worker in service to adults and children who have been exposed to and personally suffered violence within their home and community. I am strongly opposed to SB 317 which will allow teachers and staff with minimal training to carry guns in schools. I do not agree that more guns will make our children safer. I also believe there is more to responsible use of a gun than just learning how to shoot.

Our continued refusal to pass legislation for better laws to control gun ownership is at the heart of this new effort to make it easier to place more guns in the hands of lesser trained adults responsible for our children. When will we take the responsible step required to keep our children and our country safe?

Please vote against SB 317.

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