

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.

Senator Coley, why is this committee not focused on ways to get children safely back to school during a pandemic? It is extremely tone deaf to be focused on arming teachers in this time of crisis. Any of the teachers I know are asking how they can safely go back to work during this difficult time. They are not pushing for legislation that will require them to be sharp shooters. I am a mother to two elementary students and a middle school student and our family is anxiously waiting to see what the plans for school will be in the fall in the middle of a global pandemic. It would be nice to think that our lawmakers had the same concerns. Moving forward with this bill is certainly not a way to show concern for the safety of students or teachers. I urge you not to move forward with this bill.

Sincerely,
Tara Talgar