

Testimony on House Bill 99  
House Criminal Justice Committee  
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Chair LaRe, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Leland, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to House Bill 99. My name is Marcia Miller, and I am a voter and a citizen of Ohio. I come from a family of gun owners and I am strongly opposed to House Bill 99.

There is no research that shows having more people with loaded guns (especially people with limited training) in schools is safer for anyone. Teachers and law enforcement oppose allowing guns in schools. The American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association, the nation's two largest teachers' organizations, oppose arming teachers. The National Association of School Resource Officers strongly opposes proposals to arm teachers due to the risk it would pose to law enforcement, students, and the school community, as well as the risks to the armed teachers themselves.

The focus on arming school employees ignores the risks and consequences of bringing more guns onto school grounds. Introducing more guns in schools increases the risk of gun violence. There have been numerous incidents where a gun has been discharged by staff on school grounds. There have also been incidents where guns carried into schools were misplaced or stolen and later found in the hands of students.

Please consider my concerns and those of many of my fellow Ohioans and vote against this bill.

Thank you,  
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