

## **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. I am Linda Jacobs, an Ohio resident, voter, mother, grandmother and relative of numerous teachers and students. I am also a psychiatric RN with more than 50 years of experience. I have served on national boards in my field and taught as adjunct clinical Faculty at KSU. With my vast experience in the field of Psychiatry, I have grave concerns about this bill.

HB 99 would exempt teachers from requirements and employ personnel with as little as 8 hours of concealed carry training. This is appalling and extremely dangerous at best. My nephew was a policeman and could attest to that as could many of his peers.

I have seen far too many people's lives lost due to drastic misuse of guns, either from poor impulse, reactive-responses, poor judgment, quick reaction, mental illness, violent urges, etc. I have designed and taught managing disruptive behavior courses for decades, and believe me, there is NO AMOUNT of training that makes it safe for teachers to carry guns in schools! HB 99 would worsen a very dangerous situation by allowing armed teachers with such an inadequate level of training.

Lawmakers MUST put the safety of their constituents, their innocent children, and the staff that teaches and cares for them FIRST, and for conscientious purposes reject HB 99.

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