

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 written testimony in opposition to House Bill 99. My name is Kara Morgan and I am a mother to a child in public school in Ohio.

I am concerned to learn that teachers may be able to carry guns without Peace Officer training. While the CCW permit may be sufficient to operation a gun, operating a gun in a school is an entirely different skill. Knowing how to approach a situation, talk with the assailant, assess risk, direct others in the area, anticipate action by law enforcement - these are all skills that would be needed if anyone was to confront a person wielding a gun in a school with a gun, which is why this requirement was put in place.

Without the Peace Officer training, a teacher with a gun will be less safe than a teacher with a gun.

Please do not pass this law in Ohio. We are already struggling to attract tech companies to the state; with legislation like this we will never be able to bring companies here to help grow our economy.

Thank you,
Kara Morgan