

Criminal Justice Committee

Opposition Testimony on HB 99

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Chair LaRe, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Leland, and members of the committee,

Thank you for this chance to testify on HB 99.

I am a long time resident of Jackson Township in Stark County, Ohio, a suburban area that includes some farmland as well. I am the mother of a son who graduated from Jackson Local Schools, active in my church and proud grandmother of a child with special needs who lives in Columbus, OH.

I do not think that HB 99 should pass as this sounds extremely dangerous. Teachers or other civilians should not have a gun in the class room with very little training. This could prove to be dangerous if the students were to get a hold of the gun. If a district decides to have an armed policeman in the school, it should be a "Peace Officer" with extensive training, as current law states. This sounds like a terrible accident waiting to happen.

Thank you for your attention,
Nancy Pierson