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Dear 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 Sarah Turner, and I am writing to you as an Ohio resident and voter.

I have grave concerns about HB 99. This bill would allow teachers and other adults to carry loaded firearms in schools with very little training.

This plan is dangerous. It puts students in elementary, middle, and high schools at risk, as well as school staff and volunteers. It does not reduce the risk of gun violence in schools. In fact, it increases it. An untrained person with a loaded firearm could easily make a mistake with tragic consequences.

As a stepmom and auntie, I care about young people and want them to thrive in school. They should feel safe and be safe where they learn. Neither they nor the adults who care about them should have to worry about them getting hurt accidentally by an armed teacher with inadequate firearms training.

Please listen to the parents, teachers, liability insurance companies, and firearm safety experts who are telling you how dangerous this bill is for Ohio residents. We don't want untrained people carrying loaded weapons in schools. Please let go of HB 99.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sarah Turner
Citizen
Columbus, Ohio