

My name is Kathleen Weiss, I am a constituent in North Olmsted Ohio. I am writing to vehemently oppose HB 99.

It is irresponsible and dangerous to allow minimally trained teachers and staff to carry weapons in schools. The change made in this bill to require 8 hours, versus 0 hours of training, hardly changes that reality.

I am the mother of an elementary school teacher, and have three grand children in public schools. The answer to gun violence is not more guns!

I read the accounts of even trained individuals in schools who accidentally, casually left their weapons within reach of students and the students took advantage of that. Some older students even planned to get access, knowing the security person's routine.

This is terrifying to me.

I believe the route to less gun violence rests in common sense gun control legislation like a waiting period, and background checks for every sale- Closing the loopholes that now exist, as well as banning assault weapons and high-volume magazines.

The vast majority of Americans agree with this Course of action including NRA members.

Thank you for your time and service.