

My name is Shannon Mulligan and I am an Ohio resident and voter. I am also a mom of a 7-year-old, a wife, and a business owner and have lived in Columbus for 9 years. I am writing this testimony as a very concerned citizen. HB99 would gut the training requirement for teachers to carry loaded handguns in schools. 8 hours of training is not nearly enough and arming teachers introduces new and unnecessary risks into schools.

I can't imagine the stress that teachers find themselves under during the pandemic. Adding another stress that their co-workers may have a gun and is untrained on how to use it is not a stress that needs to be added to their very full plate.

If more guns in more places were the answer Ohio would be the safest place in the world. As we see on a daily basis, that is not true. We are in an epidemic of gun violence. HB99 does nothing to stem this epidemic.

With respect,

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