

Dear members of the criminal justice committee in the Ohio's Statehouse,

My name is Sister Paulette Schroeder and was an elementary and secondary teacher for 22 years in Ohio. I am writing to give testimony about

HB 99 - Guns in Schools which has its 3rd. hearing on Thursday.

I am vehemently opposed to arming teachers and would never be armed myself. Teachers would have to be trained and at this point school boards could insist on arming teachers without the consent of parents and having been a teacher for many years, I know I never could read all the students' minds, what was going on inside them in terms of anger, rage, "need" to get revenge, etc. The fact that the teacher has a gun would be enticing to such students even though the teacher might be very careful.

I interviewed 5 former teachers and none of them said they agreed with HB 99. Take the word of teachers and train them in other ways. Many spots have been viewed on television and elsewhere which show nonviolent defensive measures taken when an active shooter is present in the school. Accessibility to guns present in the classroom presents a great temptation to a "jumpy" teacher or to a teacher easily persuaded to become armed.

Thank you for taking the word of teachers whose testimonies have hopefully come into you in large numbers. I remain confident that you will not vote for HB 99.

Great peace to you.

sister Paulette Schroeder