

Dear House Chair LeRae, 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 Michelle Heym and I am a parent of 3 girls in Powell, Ohio and work as a substitute teacher in Olentangy Public Schools.

Please stop this very dangerous bill immediately. Why would you lower the training requirements fit a teacher to hold a loaded weapon. Especially at a time when gun violence is so prevalent in this country. If anything, people need more training to carry a concealed weapon, to know exactly what to do if an intruder comes armed in the classroom.

Are you not watching what just happened in Minnesota when an innocent young man was just shot accidentally by a police officer?

It would be foolish and dangerous to lower training hours for teachers in the classroom. Please refer to the facts below before putting the children, employees and community in danger in Ohio.

Thank you for your time and consideration