

Testimony on House Bill 99

House Criminal Justice Committee

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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 Jennifer Logan and I am a grandparent and a resident of Ohio most of my life.

I have two grandchildren that attend elementary school here in Ohio and my daughter-in-law works as a teacher at a school district in Ohio.

I want my grandchildren and daughter-in-law to have a safe environment while attending school and this does not include arming teachers. HB99 would allow teachers to carry loaded guns in Ohio elementary, middle, and high schools without completing the safety training required by current Ohio law. Although there is no amount of training that makes it safe to carry guns in school.

My daughter-in-law did not sign up to be a police officer. She signed up to be a teacher because she has a passion to provide her students with knowledge and help them become educated adults. My grandkids would not be safe in a classroom with a loaded weapon. No matter how careful someone can try to be, around boisterous students, one accident might cause irreparable damage with one mishap of a loaded

gun. My grandkids and their fellow classmates should be in school for an education and not for worry over an accidental shooting. No teachers want to be armed and no children want to be in harms way.

I hope you will represent me and oppose this bill.

Jennifer Logan