

## **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 Anne Snow and I am a teacher who has been through a school shooting. I live in Stark County and teach at Jackson Middle School, which is suburban school. Arming personnel in schools is not a good idea and will not solve any issues. At my school, I was the person that the shooter walked by, and there is nothing that having a gun on my person would have changed that day.

Having only 28 hours training with only 2-4 hours of handgun or actual shooting training, plus a few hours of annual “brush-up” training is definitely not enough to put teachers, students or parents at ease with having guns in the schools.

This bill goes to great length to avoid implying that these armed “authorized persons” will be teachers but it does not exclude teachers from serving as such. Consequently, there will be many school staff that could end up carrying guns in the classroom, with this limited training. I object to HB 99 and its latest Sub Bill.

Thank you,

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