

Chairman Wilkins, Vice chairman White, Ranking Member Sweeney, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee

I am Connie Bunnell Griffins. I am a retired intervention specialist from Eaton Community Schools. I live just outside of Middletown in Madison Township. I got involved with Moms Demand Action because I was very upset at the terrible and dangerous idea of arming teachers. BUT I am even more appalled and terrified at the prospect of passing HB 227.

This bill will lead to more violent gun deaths and injuries than we have now. The idea that someone could legally carry a gun with no training is beyond ration or reason. States with permitless carry legislation have a substantial increase in gun violence AND an increase in crime rates. Importantly, Permitless Carry strips away background checks. It does away with important training and increases accidents, often of innocent bystanders.

I don't understand how Republican officials can support such a dangerous bill that is NOT supported by law enforcement AND 80% of their constituents.

Connie Griffis