

Veterans and Public Safety Committee  
Opposition Testimony on SB 215  
Submitted by: John Dannug

Dear Chairman Hoagland, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Thomas and Members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify on this important issue.

I am a businessman and my wife is a teacher at Jackson Middle School in Massillon Oh. We firmly oppose SB215. In 2018, My wife experienced an attempted school shooting that ended with the shooter taking his own life in the school bathroom. She is convinced that having teachers or other “authorized” civilians carrying guns in the school, with fewer than 30 hours of training and a few hours annual follow-up training would have made no difference in this situation. Likewise, we are convinced that people carrying concealed weapons in our community without any requirement for permitting, background checks or even any training will only further endanger us and our neighbors. This bill is also Anti-Police because it eliminates the “duty to notify”. Even if you end up tweaking this bill a little, it will not make it needed or safe. Vote No on SB215.

Thank you,

John Dannug