

Testimony on House Bill 99  
Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee

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To all members of the Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee, thank you for reading this testimony in opposition to HB 99.

I am a social worker and mother of two elementary school children and I am deeply concerned about HB 99. This bill rejects the expert recommendation of 720+ hours of training (or 20 years of active-duty experience as a peace officer) that is current Ohio law. Not only does HB 99 reduce the number of training hours required for a teacher, school employee, or volunteer to be armed in school, but it reduces the number of hours to 1/33<sup>rd</sup> of the current requirements. 1/33<sup>rd</sup>!!!! This is significantly less training than what is currently required of School Resource Officers. 1/33<sup>rd</sup> is the equivalent of asking someone to become proficient in a skill after gutting training from one month to one day.

The risk of inadequate gun safety training for people surrounded by children is not a risk I am comfortable with taking. If HB99 passes we can sadly expect more accidental shootings, more guns in unsafe locations within the school, and should an active shooter enter the building, there is greater risk for accidental shooting of innocent students and staff.

I beg you, for the safety of Ohio's school children and school communities, please reject HB99 and instead focus on legislation that would prevent mass school shootings before they happen.

Respectfully,

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