

	<p>VETERANS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE</p>
	<p>Witness Form</p>

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I am a Navy Veteran with 36 years of service, a Full Professor (emeritus) at The Ohio State University, a Christian, a mother, and a grandmother and a concerned citizen. HB 99 is a **dangerous** knee jerk reaction to the unspeakable horrors that have occurred in our schools. This is NOT about Second Amendment Rights. This is about placing our children and our teachers in further jeopardy.

When a person is in a stressful and dangerous situation, having a firearm and no training results in further tragedy. Research supports that having a weapon INCREASES the chance for inadvertent tragedy. Unskilled use of firearms is traumatizing and opens the probability that that weapon will not be used properly and will place children in the middle of a firefight with live ammunition. Firefights are not what they are on TV or the Movies. Take it from an experienced veteran. People get killed and often panic and indiscriminate bullets find their ways to unintentional targets.

PLEASE stop this Bill and stop the bogus constitutional excuses. Reconsider and do something CONSTRUCTIVE to end this plague.

Very truly yours,
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