

**Criminal Justice Committee**  
**Opposition Testimony House Bill 99**  
**Submitted by Debbie Toder, MD**

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Chair LaRe, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Leland, and members of the committee;

Thank you for allowing me to present written testimony in opposition to House Bill 99.

I am a Pediatric Pulmonologist, member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and an Ohio resident who always votes. I take care of children whose lives and those of their families have been forever destroyed by gun violence. The presence of a gun has been shown to endanger children. Teachers and safety experts oppose guns in school. Even trained teachers and peace officers have left guns where children may have access to them. To allow minimally trained personnel to carry guns in school, as HB 99 would, endangers the safety of students and school personnel.

Thank you,  
Debbie Toder, MD

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