

## Testimony on Senate Bill 168

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Chair Hoagland, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 168.

My name is Lynn Lunoe. I am a wife, mother, grandmother and resident of Rocky River, Ohio.

Please do not allow any further hearings on SB 168

It is a dangerous bill that threatens the lives of students, staff and volunteers inside Ohio schools. This bill should go no further.

Ohio schools must be safe for all. Putting firearms, any firearms, in schools is dangerous. SB 168 would encourage more schools in Ohio to arm teachers/staff, increasing the number of guns inside our schools.

Anytime there is a gun in school, the lives of Ohio children - my grandchildren – school staff and educators are at increased risk. Introducing more guns in schools increases the risk of gun violence. No amount of training can guarantee that any gun in anyone's hands won't wound or kill. There have been incidents where guns carried into schools were misplaced or stolen and later found in the hands of students. The mere presence of a loaded gun presents a risk to all nearby.

You, as our state leaders, should provide reasonable and thoughtful leadership on *any* issue regarding guns, especially if they are carried inside schools. State leadership – that's you, the Ohio State Senate - has the **constitutional responsibility** to **protect** Ohio school children. Putting guns in schools endangers children. It does not protect them.

Let's spend money to educate Ohio's children, not pay more tax dollars to train teachers and staff to carry deadly weapons in our schools. Around the nation, some insurance companies have declined coverage or increased premiums for schools who have armed teachers/staff in schools.

Let's spend our tax dollars to educate, not to pay higher premiums to mitigate preventable catastrophes. These catastrophes can be prevented simply by keeping guns out of Ohio schools.

Abandon SB 168.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.