

Testimony on SB 168

Ohio Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee

Opposition Testimony on SB 168

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Dear Chairman Hoagland and Committee Members,

My name is Anne Snow and I am a teacher who has been through a school shooting. I live in Stark County and teach at Jackson Middle School, which is suburban school. Arming staff in schools is not a good idea and will not solve any issues. At my school, I was the person that the shooter walked by, and there is nothing that having a gun on my person would have changed that day.

I realize that SB 168 is not the same as HB 99 but there are too many similarities for me to support this new bill. Having the training be conducted by OPOTC is an improvement over HB 99, but the overall result is still the same...more people carrying guns in schools. Ohio law currently requires 700+ hours of training to carry a gun in schools. This bill gives us no idea of what level of training these "School Safety Designees" will get.

Teachers and community volunteers are not police, nor should they be given those responsibilities!

Thank you,

Anne Snow
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