

Ohio Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee
Opposition Testimony SB 168
Submitted by Ken Krummrich

To Chairman Hoagland, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Thomas, and Committee Members: thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

I am a lifelong Republican, father of 2, business executive (retired from Timken Corporation) and 23 year resident of Ohio. I live in the rural/suburban area of Jackson Township. I strongly oppose SB 168.

Our children are our most valuable resource! As a bereaved father, I know what it is to lose a child. It hurts for a lifetime. If you surround our children with loaded weapons, we will lose children. Period. If having more loaded guns in workplaces made people safer, you would see major corporations (like Timken), hospitals, the Ohio State House, etc., encouraging employees and visitors to all carry loaded guns within their buildings. After all, they survive as businesses by making evidence based decisions and they know it's more likely to cause deaths than save lives.

SB 168 legalizes this concept of School Safety Designees which would encourage more schools to arm adults in their schools. This will only lead to more accidental or unnecessary shootings of children.

The sponsor of the bill has tried to create a new training method and (as yet undetermined) new standards for training these "Designees." Unfortunately, the bill gives us no idea of what the training would consist of or how many hours it would be. I believe in understanding what you are signing before you enter into a contract. This bill would be like buying a house for 6 million dollars and then letting the real estate agent tell you later how big it will be and what it will look like.

I expect you to make a rational decision and vote NO on SB 168.

Respectfully,
Ken Krummrich