

Ohio Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee  
Opposition Testimony on SB 168  
Submitted by Wendy Oldaker

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 resident, homeowner and voter in Stark Count, OH and I oppose SB 168.

Ever since the Sandy Hook shooting, Wayne LaPierre of the NRA has been telling us that "the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun." We are seeing this in society as a whole. The idea that we need more "Good Guys" with guns will stop shootings by "Bad Guys" has been thoroughly debunked by research. We have 400 million guns in this country but we lead the world in gun deaths! Our gun deaths continue to climb at alarming rates *especially here in Ohio*.

This bill would encourage more schools to put armed civilians in schools. There is nothing in the bill to prevent teachers from being a "School Safety Designee". There's nothing in the bill informing us as to how many hours of training and what type of training these "designees" will get in the "basic firearm training". You're just asking us to trust the State Attorney General to decide this once the bill has passed. This bill, unfortunately is not transparent about the training program. I ask you to reject this bill.

Thank you,  
Wendy Oldaker

