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Testimony on HB 99

Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee

May 29, 2022

Submitted by: Jennifer Logan

Chair Hoagland, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present testimony in opposition to HB 99. My name is Jennifer Logan and I am grandparent and a resident of Ohio most of my life.

I have two grandchildren who attend public schools here in Ohio. My daughter-in-law is a teacher in the Ohio Public School system. She has a sister who is also a teacher in Ohio Public Schools in an inner city setting. Neither of these young women signed up to be law enforcement - they signed up to teach students.

I want my grandchildren and my daughter-in-law to have a safe environment while attending school and this does not include arming teachers. HB 99 would allow teachers to carry loaded guns in Ohio elementary, middle, and high schools without completing the safety training required by current Ohio law. Reducing the now required 728 hours to a mere 22 of which 6 can be online. Although there is no amount of training that makes it safe to carry guns in school.

My daughter-in-law signed up to be a teacher because she has a passion to provide her students with knowledge and help them to become educated adults. My grandkids would not be safe in a classroom with a loaded weapon. No matter how careful someone can try to be, around boisterous students, one accident might cause irreparable damage with one mishap of a loaded gun. Also there is no provision in this bill concerning the safe storage of the weapon while on school grounds nor guidance on the use of lethal force by armed school staff. This sets up unrealistic expectations on teachers especially since 100% of mass school shootings between 2013 - 2022 were by current or former students.

My grandkids and their fellow classmates, as well as all Ohio public school students, should be in school for an education and not to worry over an accidental shooting. No teachers want to be armed and no children want to be in harms way.

The American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association, the nation's two largest teachers' organizations, oppose arming teachers.¹ The National Association of School Resource Officers strongly opposes proposals to arm teachers due to the risk it would pose to law enforcement, students, and the school community, as well as the risks to the armed teachers themselves.²

I hope you will represent me and oppose this bill.

Jennifer Logan