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Witness Form

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Organization Representing: - N/A -

Testifying on Bill Number: HB99

Testimony:  Verbal  Written  Both

Testifying As:  Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

Are you a Registered Lobbyist?  Yes  No

Special Requests: N/A -

Chair Hoagland and fellow Senators,

I am writing today in **opposition** to HB99 to decrease the amount of training required for teachers, school staff and school volunteers to carry firearms in schools.

The American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association, the nation's two largest teachers' organizations, oppose arming teachers. 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. Increasing the number of firearms in schools – with minimal requirements to carry a firearm – escalates risk to students.

The bill provides no guidance for school personnel on the use of lethal force. The bill also provides no guidance on safe storage of firearms in school. I worry about accidental discharge of firearms, or that a student could overpower a school administrator with a firearm and subsequently harm their peers. This bill increases liability to school districts and will subsequently be costly to taxpayers.

As a parent, I am asking you to please protect my elementary aged children by opposing this legislation. Please **keep the required 737 hours of firearms training currently required by Ohio law** to carry a firearm in schools.

Respectfully,



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