Testimony on Senate Bill 317 Government Oversight and Reform Committee

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Chair Coley, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to SB 317. I am a resident of Troy, Ohio, and I believe that SB 317 is a dangerous bill that would put students and teachers at risk. SB 317 would allow teachers to carry loaded guns in Ohio elementary, middle, and high schools without completing the safety training required by current Ohio law. There is no amount of training that makes it safe for teachers to carry guns in schools. SB 317 would worsen an already-dangerous situation by gutting the training Ohio law currently requires and allowing teachers to carry guns in schools without extensive safety training. A majority of teachers oppose arming teachers and reducing training requirements would make schools less safe.

Please vote no on SB 317.

Sincerely, Shannon Hanf

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