Written Testimony in Opposition to SB 317

Senator Bill Coley and Committee,

I am a lifelong Republican, father of 2, business executive (recently retired from Timken Corporation) and 23 year resident of Ohio. Will all due respect, SB 317 is the dumbest idea I have seen in my 68 years.

I have supported my school system through countless volunteer activities and also paid the taxes that you no doubt supported as a legislator. You are on the record as a strong supporter of education funding. A large portion of my money and activities were intended as support for *qualified* teachers. Yet, SB 317 does the exact opposite by allowing *untrained* individuals to act as policemen in our schools. And it makes it difficult for teachers to focus on their real job: teaching.

I hope you have been blessed with children and grandchildren. If so, let me ask you a question: Would you want your children and grandchildren educated by someone with no training? Most reasonable people would answer "No" to that question. Assuming you are reasonable, then why on earth would you want your family members in a classroom with a gun owner who has no training?

I am a strong supporter of keeping our children safe but this bill goes in the opposite direction. During an incident at a school you want trained individuals responding who are capable of handling themselves in a critical situation. A loose untrained cannon is only going to result in more dead students. What's more, that loose cannon will carry that concealed gun everywhere they go. That's not good either.

Please spend your time and energies responding to the needs of Ohioans with well thought through school safety legislation. Not, this rubbish!

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. Sincerely, Ken Krummrich