Senator Bill Coley,

I am writing this letter as a concerned Ohio citizen. I am a first grade teacher in Northeast Ohio and am in extreme opposition to Senate Bill 317. I am urging the Committee to VOTE NO on this bill. Too many schools across the nation have been affected by the horrific use of guns. Allowing school districts to arm school staff with no firearms training for concealed carry and just 2 hours of training for open carry are absolutely, without a doubt the **incorrect** answer here. Our teachers, administrators, and support staff wear many hats as we support our students social, emotional, and academic growth and development. We work day in and day out to create a safe environment conducive to learning. Adding guns into this environment is unequivocally inappropriate.

Again, I urge the committee to VOTE NO on SB 317. Sincerely, Kelsey Markle First Grade Teacher