

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, which 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. Teachers should not take on the role of law enforcement. It puts them in danger as well as the students. Even trained law enforcement officers who have hundreds of hours of gun training are inaccurate in shooting in a crisis. There is no amount of training that makes it safe for teachers to carry guns in schools. Please do not put our teachers and students in such danger and vote no SB 317.

Respectfully submitted,

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