Testimony on Senate Bill 317 Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Submitted by: Jean Hanson

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 retiree with lots of teachers in my family; I am also a committed voter.

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 provision Ohio law currently requires and allowing teachers to carry guns in schools without extensive safety training.

Teachers and other school staff have enough stress and anxiety due to COVID-19; having loaded guns inside their workplaces would be disastrous!! SB 317 is a tragedy waiting to happen. Please vote NO on this dangerous bill.

Sincerely, Jean Hanson