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 have been a resident of Ohio for 72 yrs, a registered vote in Lorain County for 30 yrs., and have been an advocate of children in this community. I am retired from Avon Lake High School as Campus Manager, I also held the position of SADD Advisor. We were the first school in Lorain County to bring the Great American Smokeout to our schools. Working with the Sheriff's Office we raised the awareness of seat belt safety & participated in contests throughout the year. I was certified to teach the Smoking Cessation program to students who were smoking on campus. I served on the Alcohol & Drug Board for 8 yrs & brought many much needed programs to our schools to promote healthy choices.

I can't imagine nor do I know any parent who would want a person with only 8 hrs of training to step into this position. I urge everyone to vote against SB317, for the safety of our schools. There is no place in our schools for guns.

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