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.

SB 317 should not be supported, allowing more guns in school is the last thing we need, having loaded guns in the hands of inadequately trained personnel would be a travesty, these weapons could get into the wrong hands, lost, stolen with the possibility of major catastrophe.

Our tax dollars should be spent on security upgrades, public gun education campaigns, background checks on all gun purchases and emergency planning for teachers, administrators and all other school personnel.

My name is Keith Watson, physician, registered voter residing in Greene County, I am tired of the carnage wreaked on our innocent students, how many more innocent lives must be lost before we have gun reform.

I sincerely hope that SB 317 is defeated, thank you, Keith Watson MD

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