

Testimony on House Bill 99  
Criminal Justice Committee

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Chair LaRe, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Leland, and members of the committee;

Thank you for allowing me to testify in opposition to House Bill 99. My name is Mike Hubbard. I am a lifelong resident of Ohio. My wife and I own our home in Clinton, Ohio, a small rural town outside of Canton. I have been a volleyball coach at our local middle school for years. Two of our three daughters are teachers and the other is a school psychologist. They all work for schools in N. E. Ohio.

I am strongly opposed to HB 99. More guns in schools means more shootings. That's why the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association, the nation's two largest teacher organizations, oppose having guns in schools. There have already been over 90 incidents reported in the news where a student has gotten access to a gun that was mishandled by school staff. Children should not be in close contact with guns, period. The American Pediatric Society says that the safest home for a child is one without a gun. Likewise, the safest school for a child is a school without guns. If a school must have armed personnel, they should have the extensive School Police training required by current law. At least that way, parents know the officer knows what to do in a crises, how to de-escalate violence, how to safely handle a weapon and can shoot straight! I don't think my daughters or myself should have to work alongside an armed person who only has 2 hours experience of actually shooting their gun, as this bill would allow. Protect our students and our teachers by voting NO on HB 99.

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