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I endorse House Bill 1440 as a means to broaden the pool for the School Protection Officer (SPO) program. Enlarging the cadre of trained personnel within educational institutions offers enhanced and expedited protection for our children.



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I am in support of this bill. Widening the number of people who can carry into a school will help deter violence in our schools. It will also allow for a quick response to any threat. Much quicker than law enforcement can react. Protecting our kids should include the use the responsible, well-trained individual's who want to take on the immense responsibility of caring for our children and putting themselves in harms way to protect them should the need arise.



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As a female, and a firearms instructor, I would like to see legislation passed in Missouri that would allow expansion of the pool of qualified persons to serve as an SPO. I am very concerned that having only one SPO in a school will not be sufficient to protect its staff and students.



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As a 25 year veteran of Law Enforcement I wholeheartedly support this bill as a common sense approach to keep schools safe.



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This bill has the potential to save countless lives. This needs to be passed ASAP!



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**This is an excellent move, thank you for being brave enough to push this type of legislation forward!
Armed teachers will save lives!**



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As a veteran and a father, I fully support this bill. People looking for targets will always pick the easiest, and just the fact that one of the staff could be armed is a great deterrent.



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I support HB 1440. It's my understanding that if passed, this bill would open up the position of School Protection Officer to any qualified individual approved by the local school board, even if that qualified individual is not a teacher or a school administrator. This means that a janitor or an IT tech support employee who has extensive prior military or law enforcement training could serve as an SPO. If the janitor happens to be qualified for the position, why should he/she not be allowed to serve in that position?



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I am writing in support of HB 1440 which would expand the pool of people who a school district could consider as eligible for designation as a School Protection Officer. I am a retired Police Officer and former Academy Director for the Springfield MO Police Department. I also retired last year from full time teaching as the Criminal Justice Professor at Evangel University. I have taught new SPO candidates for the last few years. We have trained staff from over 40 districts in Missouri. The DPS overseen curriculum is commensurate with the level of training new police officers receive in the areas related to immediate response to an active shooter. SPO candidates in our program must pass the same performance standards as police recruits. I have found they often perform at a higher level than the police group. Currently, the statute only allows school teachers or administrators from a school district to be considered to be designated as SPOs. We need to pick the best people regardless of title or school type. Many former military and law enforcement officers retire young enough to move into a second career with a school district, this change would allow them to become SPOs without having to specifically be a teacher or administrator. I strongly recommend we maintain the current levels of training required to become an SPO, responding to a mass violence event in a chaotic and crowded environment requires a level of skill that is only covered in the DPS certified SPO program. School shootings can be mitigated by hand-picked, well vetted, well trained SPOs. The need for this program is simply a math problem, average police response time is 7-15 minutes to these events, average attack is over in five minutes or less. As a side note we need schools to have help with funding the cost of standing up and maintaining an SPO program, we also need the SPO program expanded to include private schools (anywhere children are being taught), the law appears to only apply to school districts at this time. The best security posture of schools is a combination of uniformed SROs backed up by covert SPOs in every location where students are present. We must be able to respond within 30 seconds with an intervention capable person. Calling 911 and waiting is a failed strategy and we have 30 years of data to prove it. Regretfully I am unable to attend the hearing in person but am available by zoom or phone for any questions about this important program.



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When we review historical data of active killers across the country, it shows that they need to meet effective resistance within 30 seconds of their attack. Having more SPOs in place to achieve this will help decrease the tragedy.



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I strongly support HB 1440 and thank the representative for sponsoring it once again. When a school district decides they want to participate in the SPO program it just makes sense that a larger pool of potential candidates will help yield the most qualified individuals for the role of sheepdog to watch over students. Many of those may indeed be found among their teachers and administrators, but they should not be constrained to those options alone. Expanding the program to also include other school employees is a good change to the program eligibility requirements. I might even suggest it could further be expanded to consider members of the community wishing to volunteer for the role, such as retired military or law enforcement. Highly trained SPO, being equipped and prepared to respond to a threat is a must in our schools if we truly want to help reduce the risk of future high casualty incidents. It is often said that one life lost is one too many. Knowing in most school attacks, the shooting will not stop until someone shoots back, it is unacceptable to leave our children unprotected and vulnerable. We must treat our children like the treasures they are. I ask members of the committee to support HB 1440. Susan Myers, Missouri State Director - Women for Gun Rights



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School shootings have become a serious problem in recent years. School Resource Officers are a good start to protecting students. However, a Resource Officer can only be in one place at one time. If there are teachers and other members of the administration that are qualified and willing to carry a concealed weapon they will be a force multiplier when it comes to confronting a school shooter. After every such tragic event the hand wringers are quick to condemn guns and demand that something be done to prevent this from happening. While there is no one size fits all solution, HB 1440 offers one solution to stopping a tragedy.



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This bill does not appear to incorporate necessary safety requirements such as minimum standards for firearms training, safe storage minimum standards, minimum standards for determination of who is qualified and deemed safe to carry a firearm, minimum standards for informing parents of firearms in their children's classrooms, SOPs for ensuring responding law enforcement are aware of who is the "good guy" carrying a gun vs the "bad guy" carrying a gun. Furthermore, several elected officials have spent countless hours and tax payer dollars arguing for the idea that teachers are not qualified to instruct the children in their classrooms, which they are highly trained to do. If those teachers are deemed unqualified to do the job they're trained to do, lawmakers have an obligation to demonstrate what suddenly makes them qualified to be armed safety officers which they are not highly trained to do. I oppose this bill.



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As a student-teacher in college, I would not have wanted to be the person in position to have to defend a child from a school shooter. That shouldn't be the job of the teacher. In addition, I wouldn't want to be in the position to where I would have to answer questions as to why I brought a firearm to school if a person died during a school shooting event. This bill would bear even more responsibility on our teachers, and it should be opposed. Thank you



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I cannot state my opposition to this bill in stronger terms. As a 18-year veteran teacher and sister to a US Army Officer, I can state unequivocally that my brother has received training to be armed, I have not. I have received training to see the good in each of my students and do my utmost to extract that goodness from them. I have received training in verbal deescalation. I have received training to help my students maximize the opportunities presented to them. I cannot conceptualize of turning around and instead being expected to shoot one of them. I cannot conceptualize of having colleagues who feel comfortable shooting a student. Adding more guns to schools will not fix the epidemic of gun violence we see pervading our schools. We have already seen in other places who have implemented similar provisions that they then have firearms go missing during the school day. I appreciate the work of the school resource officer on my campus and would again highlight the difference between their training and interactions with students and my own. Vote no on this bill.



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This bill puts teachers and students at risk. Teachers do not get into teaching in order to shoot people. They should not be expected to, especially with what we pay them. This is a shameful bill that will not prevent school shootings. It will merely ensure that more teachers are harmed during a school shooting.



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I oppose HB1440. Keep guns out of school. Period. The legislature should focus on toughening gun laws and limiting access to firearms, which would do FAR more for school and overall public safety than this bill. Missouri legislators seem less interested in protecting citizens and more interested in keeping the gun lobby happy (and thus their own pockets lined). Please oppose HB1440 and do better for Missouri. Thank you.



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I am a public school special education teacher. The day my coworkers can have a gun with them inside the school building is the day I walk out on teaching for another career. I also have three children of my own and I'd prefer that their teachers not have the added responsibility of a gun in their possession.



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Arming teachers is not the answer to school shootings. Having guns in classrooms will only increase the risk to staff and students. Adding the burden of protecting the classroom with a weapon is not what teachers should have to worry about. Stop playing politics with the lives of our children and teachers. This bill is not the answer.



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There is no data that demonstrates arming teachers protects children. No teacher should have to make a choice to potentially harm a child to protect others.



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The last thing we need in education is MORE guns. I can speak to this with plenty of experience. I am a 30-year public educator with all of my years in a Title One building. I serve children and families who are often victims of gun violence. School should be the place where my students can go to get away from guns. School should be their safe place. We are juggling so much these days as educators, please don't put this on our plate, too. Vote no.



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There is no way having more guns in a school is a good idea. Even if there is one accidental shooting in a school because of this bill, that blood will be on your hands. I am an elementary school teacher with 15 years of experience. I will quit teaching before I work in a school where teachers are armed with guns.



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As a retired Missouri educator, I find this idea of allowing anyone to carry guns into a school to be ludicrous! Our state is an embarrassment regarding the lax gun laws that are continuously being presented by lawmakers who must be on the NRA payroll! Have some decency and stop this craziness!



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From ACLU Article: Here are four reasons why we shouldn't be arming our teachers. Arming teachers harms students' trust in educators. Researchers have consistently found that such measures harm students' trust in educators, undermine positive school climate, and make it difficult for educators to create a safe and supportive environment for students. A lack of trust will result in students being reluctant to report issues to school staff and will only cause our schools to be less safe. Arming teachers won't make our kids any safer. Filling our schools with more weapons can only lead to one thing: guns falling into the wrong hands. Studies show people are much more likely to be shot, either by suicide, accident, or homicide, when guns are more readily available. Multiple law enforcement agencies across the country have opposed proposals to arm school personnel, emphasizing that first responders will not be able to distinguish between the attacker and armed school staff when attempting to secure the premises. Armed school personnel do not lead to lower rates of violence. In fact, several recent mass shootings occurred in places where armed police officers – who have much more training than an armed history teacher -- were on duty. The impacts of arming teachers will most likely fall on already-marginalized students. Black students and students with disabilities are much more likely to receive all manner of discipline at school than their white and/or non-disabled classmates. Nationally, students of color and students with disabilities are up to two times more likely to be referred to police and arrested in schools. We should invest in more teachers and mental health providers in our schools rather than wasting resources on solutions that do not work. Instead of spending scarce resources on armed school personnel, we need to invest in preventing school violence. According to the U.S. Department of Education, 1.6 million children attend public schools that have police officers but no counselors, and three of the five largest school districts in the country hire more security officers than counselors. It is unacceptable to propose spending money on firearms and additional armed personnel in schools while refusing to invest in resources that will actually make kids safer. Taken from ACLU article.



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I'm trying to envision a classroom where five and six year old kids are being taught by a teacher, moving around the room, interacting with kids, dealing with the myriad issues facing a teacher with small kids all while carrying a holstered weapon. BTW - if the gun isn't on her, immediately available, loaded and ready to go then it isn't a defensive weapon. Is this the best the Missouri legislature can do? We can't expand background checks, we can't Limit magazine capacities, we can't enact red flag laws but we CAN turn our schools into Stalag 13



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As a former high school teacher, I am adamantly opposed to arming teachers in school.



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I survived multiple teachers who couldn't keep kids safe from themselves, let alone an armed intruder. A gun will only make that situation more difficult. I'm also a working single mother who will have to pull her kids out of public school and home school if the state allows anyone to be armed in their school. I already worry sending my kids to school because the state nor the federal government will act on gun control, I don't need to worry anymore because I will already know there is a gun in the school. The fact that the state I'm from and have lived my entire life continues to prioritize gun rights over my children's' right to live is disgusting enough. Your inaction was better than your action in the wrong direction.



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Guns have no place in educational communities! Teachers are trained to educate, not execute humans.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTY NICKEL		PHONE NUMBER:
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As a citizen of the state of Missouri and retired employee of a public school district, I vehemently oppose HB1440. The qualities of good teachers in general do not match those necessary to be armed in a classroom. Empathy, patience, compassion vs laser focus, immediate ability to pull a trigger in front of students to name a few.



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School personnel should not be allowed to have weapons on school property. A school police officer should be the only armed person allowed. Oppose to HB 1410!!



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Equity is equity, and what is right for rural districts is not for urban/suburban ones. This bill only addresses remote districts by adding weapons. Please look at amending it to listen to CVPA and others about limiting access where needed. Please don't wait for the next school shooting. To paraphrase Missourian TS Eliot it's hurts to think of what could have been.



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This is not a good idea. Anywhere where emotions can be high there should NEVER be a lethal weapon. 15 years as an RN. I've seen a thing or two and it's never good when a lethal weapon is present.



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As a teacher, under no circumstances would I ever be comfortable carrying a gun or working in a school where teachers were armed. Teachers are already overworked as it is and adding such a high-risk instrument into their classrooms will only further that exhaustion. We already have a teacher shortage. This will absolutely add to that pain. Do not allow more guns in schools.



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I am a teacher and this is the LAST thing I would want. I would actually feel less safe knowing there were weapons in school that could be used against me or other students.



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It is irresponsible to suggest that teachers are who should be protecting students and by doing so by arming them. When trained police officers who have communication mechanisms and training can't effectively stop active shooters in many cases, why would the alternative be teachers working individually?



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I am a Missouri teacher and I do not think anything good will come from teachers being armed.



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School resource officers should be law enforcement personnel, not teachers.



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I am an educator and I am urging you to vote no to HB 1440. Having access to a gun in the classroom increases the likelihood that a student will access the gun and someone will be shot outside of an active intruder drill. This bill puts our children K-12 at risk. Please vote no and help create a safe learning environment for all children.



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Guns do not belong in schools.



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As a currently public school educator in Missouri, I am absolutely opposed to arming school staff. Our students will not be safer. This is not how we make our schools safer. As someone who works in a school environment every day, this is not a reasonable solution.



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Guns do not shoot themselves. Guns do not belong in teachers' hands. They did not sign up to do the NRA's bidding, which is all this is. If Johnny throws a rock on the playground, do you turn around and give all the rest of the kids rocks, too? No you do not. That would be a disaster.No guns in schools.



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As the son, brother, and husband of school teachers, I would emphatically state that this bill does nothing but increase the odds that someone will be accidentally shot, or shot due to a personal conflict within the school. The presence of a gun in the hands teaching professionals not trained in law enforcement or conflict resolution does nothing to make the school safer from an outside threat.



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I strongly object to this bill and the continued proliferation of guns in this state and country. This proposed bill will not make our schools safer, and likely will increase the carnage.



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I've been a teacher for 21 years. Our job is rewarding and inspiring. It is also difficult, incredibly thankless, and filled with so much multi tasking to meet all students needs that it's hard to get everything done. I do not also need to be tasked with carrying a weapon to keep my children safe. It is an unrealistic expectation that TEACHERS should be carrying weapons, as opposed to having stricter gun policies in place. Less guns make kids safer, not more guns in schools.



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There are many reasons why arming school administrators and teachers is a terrible idea. 1. It slows the response time of LEOs. Anyone armed in an active shooter situation must be assessed by officers to ensure safety. 2. Teacher shortages plague Missouri. Adding this requirement to the already-full plates of Missouri teachers is NOT the way to get new teachers into the classroom. 3. Teachers did not want to become police officers. If they did, they would have gone to the police academy. 4. It is developmentally inappropriate for young children to interact with armed adults all day. It prevents a warm, nurturing, trusting relationship from being built. 5. It further desensitizes children to violence. Seeing weapons as a part of every day life lessens the essential fear of them. We can't have kids walking around thinking that guns and other deadly weapons are "not a big deal." Signed, A Missouri teacher who WILL NOT ever carry a weapon, and will leave the profession the minute I'm asked to.



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The more guns in a school, the more danger a child will access one.



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I highly oppose HB1440. The only personnel that should authorized to have a loaded weapon inside of a school setting is an official city/county officer hired by the district. If you care about the safety of students and faculty, propose common sense gun laws.



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As a teacher, I do not want to have the added responsibility of being armed nor do I feel other teachers should have to shoulder the responsibility. There are many ways to hinder gun violence in schools such as more secure entrances, installing devices to lockdown classrooms, installing safe rooms in classrooms, etc. Mass shootings occur whether or not there are armed resource officers, so arming teachers will not deter a mass shooter. Please do not add this responsibility to the shoulders of teachers. We are under enough stress already and this added pressure will surely cause more teachers to leave the profession.



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My daughter texted me today. "EMERGENCY!" Turns out it had only to do with shirt money for her basketball team, but there were a few moments between texts where I feared the worst given that she never does that. I am tired of living like this and thinking like this and the majority of Americans including responsible gun owners agree with me. More armed guards or individuals in the classes and hallways is not the answer to this country's ongoing dysfunctional relationship with firearms and those in power in the 20 year GOP Supermajority seem to be far more interested in bowing and scraping to the gun lobby and those who stand to gain from a bloody and hurting country than Missourians who want to see real and lasting solutions. More guns? Madness. That's what this is. Madness combined with greed and a lust for power that forces candidates to win primaries by going as extreme as they can appealing to a radical base. Meanwhile, we have the blood of dead children and dead teachers on our hands. Enough is enough. I oppose any such legislation and offer the below article as justification as to why. Background checks, closing loopholes, mental health services, restricting firearm access as part of red flags, working with Federal Law enforcement, and finding solutions that align with the vast majority of America's thinking on this should be the go to over unfettered access. Please, real solutions are within reach but not this. <https://www.thetrace.org/2023/08/guns-armed-guards-school-shootings/?fbclid=IwAR0rnj27jeedhoZBVhccdawyTzK7sbg36db-IKNw6jYHCSQRsDE0gwPBwww>



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HB 1440 is a dangerous bill that would increase the presence of weapons in schools. This bill would allow more school personnel to carry inside K12 schools, increasing risk of gun violence. A school is not a place a parent should have to worry about their child accidentally accessing a firearm or being shot by a peer gaining accidental access to said firearm. As a Missouri educator and parent I encourage members of this committee to vote NO on HB 1440.



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I am against the arming of teachers, admin, support staff, and others made eligible by this bill. A recent study by researchers from The Violence Project suggests that armed guards in schools don't reduce fatalities. Researchers examined 133 school shootings and attempted school shootings between 1980 and 2019, tallied up by the K-12 School Shooting Database. At least one armed guard was present in almost a quarter of cases studied, and researchers found no significant reduction in rates of injuries in these cases. In fact, shootings at schools with an armed guard ended with three times as many people killed, on average. "Whenever firearms are present, there is room for error, and even highly trained officers get split-second decisions wrong," the researchers wrote. "Prior research suggests that many school shooters are actively suicidal, intending to die in the act, so an armed officer may be an incentive rather than a deterrent." <https://www.thetrace.org/2023/08/guns-armed-guards-school-shootings/>



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER ANNE MANN		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please do not allow teachers or any other school staff to carry guns in our schools. This is not safe for anyone.



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I vehemently oppose this bill. I do not believe any person who has obtained a concealed carry endorsement or permit should be allowed to carry a weapon on school grounds. We're trying to protect our children from gun deaths, not potentially increase them.



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I don't believe that arming school professionals is the answer to our widespread issues with gun violence. There are many other, more appropriate answers, such as universal background checks, red flag laws, and bans on assault weapons. Please focus on solving the problem.



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As a Missouri teacher, I oppose this bill and do not want any type of weapon to be allowed in a school for any reason except by law enforcement. This is not the path to take in order to protect school staff and students from those who bring weapons to school. This would open up a whole new round of problems including an increase in school violence.



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I oppose this bill and find it disgusting and dangerous.



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As a former classroom teacher, I STRONGLY OPPOSE arming teachers or other school staff with firearms. Guns have no place in our schools and the only path to reducing gun violence in our communities is stronger gun restrictions and legislation, not putting more guns where people, including children, can see and handle them. WAKE UP AND DO SOMETHING LOGICAL for a change. Vote against this ridiculous bill.



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I was a teacher for 16 years and there is no way, under any circumstances, that a teacher should be armed. Children cannot learn under duress and I have worked with a few teachers who absolutely should not have access to a loaded gun in school. Also, as a high school teacher, many of my students were much larger than me. If one of these students was experiencing a crisis, they would have easy access to a loaded gun. This is a terrible idea. I am opposed to allowing school staff to carry loaded guns in Missouri schools.



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Banning books but arming teachers? Missouri has its priorities totally backwards. No wonder we're becoming a laughing stock of a state.



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The last thing we need is more guns in schools. Our teachers do not need this added to their list of responsibilities. We don't pay them what they're worth now. Hire a resource officer.



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Please do not put weapons in our classrooms. As a mom dropping my child off at school is already a frightening experience. Please don't make it worse. You are collectively making this state a nightmare to live in for women.



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Teachers and other staff SHOULD NOT be armed! There are so many things that are more likely to go wrong in a situation like that. This is not the answer. This is moronic.



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I oppose this bill.



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I'm a retired middle school teacher who strongly opposes arming teachers. The worst scenario in this is somehow students could access the guns. This would not make anyone safer in a school environment. The coworkers I had who would have been willing to carry a gun would NOT have been the person I would have wanted to have the power. Adding more guns will not keep our students safer, the potential for the opposite to happen is increased.



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We don't need more guns in schools. What happens when a teacher goes rogue who has a gun at school.



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My name is Kimberly Martin. I am a retired teacher from the Rolla School district with 30 years experience in special education. I am opposed to arming any educator or staff member. Teachers are already over-stressed with all of the pressure of student performance, student behavior and interference from so many other entities that think they know better than the educators themselves. Even if a teacher volunteers to carry a firearm, this would include more training as well as another level of stress that most teachers cannot afford to layer on top of all the other stressors mentioned. School resource officers are trained to carry firearms and more SROs would be appropriate to add instead of asking teachers to "step up." When I was teaching, I took my students' safety very seriously, but would never have considered even having a firearm on an elementary campus. Please look for other solutions other than arming educators or staff. Use some common sense and protect our educators by not putting one more thing on their plate.



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This is an idiotic and dangerous proposal. Schools don't need more officers or guns. They need more counselors and social workers. You should fully fund that!



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More guns in schools do not make Missouri's kids safer. It only increases the risk of a shooting. We risk students gaining access to a firearm, the misfiring of a gun, law enforcement not knowing who the shooter is during an active shooter situation, and more gun deaths on school campuses. I am especially concerned about the section of the bill that allows a school protection officer to detain or use force against any person on school property. This is misguided and dangerous and will result in harm to Black students and students of color. Research and data consistently show that armed staff in schools do not make them safer. In fact, a 2019 study published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, which analyzed school shootings in the US between 1999 and 2018, found "no evidence that the presence of resource officers in schools lessened the severity of school shooting incidents" (Livingston et al., 2019). This bill would only increase students' exposure to gun violence in Missouri schools. Missouri has the 5th highest rate of gun deaths in the US, and the presence of additional firearms in schools will undoubtedly make this worse.



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As a mom of two and the president of my son's high school's PTA, I'm writing to oppose HB 1440--a dangerous bill that would increase the presence of firearms in schools. This bill would allow more school personnel to carry inside our K-12 schools and would put our students and children at increased risk for gun violence. Having access to a gun in the classroom increases the likelihood that a student will access a gun and that someone will be shot outside of an active shooter incident. Schools are places for books and backpacks, not weapons. The last thing Missouri schools need is more untrained people carrying loaded handguns near our children. Missouri currently has one of the highest rates of gun death in the United States. Increasing the presence of firearms in schools is only going to exacerbate the issue. I encourage members of this committee to please vote NO on HB 1440.



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I oppose this because it presents an unacceptable safety risk to children.



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As a high school teacher in Missouri, I think it's an irresponsible idea to arm teachers. Teachers are not security officers, police, or bouncers. To expect is to be such is absurd. It also further endangers themselves and students to have access to guns in the classroom. It's more of a liability than protection.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA BURKHARDT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a parent of children in Missouri schools, safety is a top priority of mine. Expanding who can carry firearms in schools or potentially increasing the number of firearms in schools puts children, teachers, and staff at an increased risk of injury or even death. We should be working to keep our kids safe, and more guns don't make us safer. I urge the committee to vote no on HB 1440.



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EMAIL: laurenreapreston@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/10/2024 9:00 AM
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I am a former middle school teacher, a teacher educator, and most importantly, a parent of 3 kids in public school. I oppose giving weapons to teachers. Instead, we should fund safer buildings, and enact common sense laws that keep guns away from people with mental health issues and prior histories of violence.



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This bill is dangerous. The chances of a misfire or accidental discharge are far greater than the chances of assisting in a mass shooting. More gains do not make us safer, it only makes the world we live in more dangerous.



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WITNESS NAME: LESLIE JONES		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am a mother, educator and gun safety activist and I strongly oppose this bill. There is no research that indicates arming teachers will improve the safety of our students. In fact, having more firearms in the schools will only increase the chances of students acquiring them. The idea that a teacher will be as efficient with an armed weapon as law enforcement is also a myth. Not to mention the liability issues that this would open up. If more guns made us safer we would be the safest place on earth, as our guns outnumber citizens. Bringing more weapons of death into our schools will not help the situation. Instead we need to be focused on implementing preventative measures, such as common sense gun safety laws, and risk assessment programs for our schools. We need to invest in the mental health of our students and educate adults on securely storing their firearms. We need to consider red flag laws to stop tragedies from occurring. Please reconsider this bill and think of the pros vs the cons. Arming our teachers is not the way to go about improving the safety of our students.



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I oppose arming any teachers in schools. How long until a child should gain access to one and kill somebody.



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I am a grandmother to three teachers. I am extremely concerned about their safety from shootings in their schools. The answer is NOT to arm teachers. The answer is to pass laws restricting weapons intended for war and high capacity ammunition magazines. This proposed bill would create unintended consequences. There is a shooting, a teacher is holding a gun, how does law enforcement know that teacher is not the shooter? What if a teacher accidentally hits a student? More guns is never the answer.



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WITNESS NAME: LISA MEINEN		PHONE NUMBER:
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Bringing any gun into a school setting is dangerous. Adding a firearm to a situation only ensures that there is a deadly weapon available. I don't want my children learning in an environment with violence - a gun's only purpose is to kill. Killing is violent.



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WITNESS NAME: LISA WARD		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: lisaward1962@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 8:16 PM
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Putting guns in the hands of teachers is only going to cause more shooting deaths. Teachers should not have to work a second job as security officer. Their jobs are difficult enough. Common sense gun laws need to be passed instead!



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Arming teachers as protection officers is so misguided and dangerous. I am fully against this reactionary bandaid fix to a much larger problem.



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When it comes to protecting our children from gun violence at school, there are many proven strategies but arming teachers and staff is not one of them. I urge the committee to oppose this dangerous bill.



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WITNESS NAME: LYNN NIENKEMPER		PHONE NUMBER:
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No more guns! We need to shift the focus from arming more people to having stricter gun laws! It's common sense. More guns is NOT the answer.



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WITNESS NAME: M. DAVID DUCKWORTH		PHONE NUMBER:
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As an elementary school principal in St. Louis, Missouri, I am opposed to this bill. Evidence tells us that access to firearms endangers children. It does not keep them safe. School should be a safe place for learning. Guns do not belong in our classrooms.



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WITNESS NAME: MACKENZIE EVERETT-KENNEDY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am a teacher at one of the largest high schools in the state of Missouri with a diverse student population, and with many complex community issues affecting our school. I do not believe adding more guns to our schools will increase safety and will, instead, increase the likelihood that guns will end up in the hands of people who should not have them, especially when those students are nearly adults themselves (as is the case in a high school setting). Additionally, I do not think it is safe to have extra adults in our buildings with weapons when we cannot be certain of the mental and emotional stability of each of these adults. In fact, I am equally afraid of extra adults using guns for violence, not just the students. An increase in guns does not equate to an increase in safety -- research proves this point. Instead, we should be using methods that have been researched and proven effective. Please keep our schools filled with books and bags and joyous opportunities for learning. Don't allow additional guns into our schools.



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Guns do not belong in school, Teachers I know do not want to be armed. Nobody in school should routinely carry a gun or other weapon.



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WITNESS NAME: MARTA KAUFMANN		PHONE NUMBER:
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It is terribly dangerous and irresponsible for untrained individuals to act in a capacity that is beyond the scope of their job.



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Under no circumstances should there be guns accessible in a classroom full of impulsive children.



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If more guns in more places made us safer, I am all for it. Instead, the states with the weakest gun laws have the highest rates of gun violence. Mo rates 8th in the nation. If you are sincere in wanting to protect children, which most people are, why dont you take a look at this document, which is based on the prior experiences of school shootings. It offers many responses and mitigation strategies.
<https://everytownresearch.org/report/how-can-we-prevent-gun-violence-in-schools/>



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WITNESS NAME: MARY WAGGENER		PHONE NUMBER:
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Having access to a gun in the classroom increases the likelihood that a student will access a gun and that someone will be shot outside of an active shooter incident. Schools are places for books and backpacks, not weapons. Instead, we need proven solutions that are backed by data, and that intervene before violence occurs.



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Arming teachers will lead to them becoming targets of the gunmen. More guns is not the answer.



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Schools do not need another mass shooting to take place in their schools because of access to a fireman from within the school. This is what could happen if our legislature allows school personnel to carry firearms within our buildings. School personnel have enough going on in any given moment during the school day to also worry about if the gun they are carrying could somehow fall into the hands of a student during the school day. Please vote no on this dangerous bill.



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WITNESS NAME: MEGAN CALDWELL		PHONE NUMBER:
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The answer to school safety and stopping school shootings is not more guns in schools. So Missouri's goal now for our children is less books in school and more guns? They have already tried this in Florida; it didn't work. A teacher that was the "safety" officer to carry had it go off in class! And we all know how Uvalde went. They had school officers on site and police there within minutes and still 19 children were murdered.



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WITNESS NAME: MEGGIE BIESENTHAL		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: meggie.biesenthal@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:49 PM
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My spouse is a public high school teacher. I do not support the concept of allowing school personnel to be designated as resource officers. The responsibilities on teachers are great enough, their pay is low enough, & their stresses are enough. Trying to be responsible for a weapon day in and day out while also being responsible for their students every minute of every day is enough. I do not believe this will make our children or school staff safer & will instead put them at further risk. Please vote against this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: MELISSA MENZE		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: Coca_cola79@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:40 PM
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I've taught for 22 years in Missouri public schools. More guns won't make me feel any more protected, in fact it would make me feel more unsafe. Allowing teachers or any other staff member to carry while working with children is absurd. Bills like this will only continue to make our schools mirror prisons.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL DREYER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: mdreyer93@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/10/2024 8:39 AM
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More guns in schools do not make Missouri's kids safer. It only increases the risk of a shooting. We risk students gaining access to a firearm, the misfiring of a gun, law enforcement not knowing who the shooter is during an active shooter situation, and more gun deaths on school campuses. I am especially concerned about the section of the bill that allows a school protection officer to detain or use force against any person on school property. This is misguided and dangerous and will result in harm to Black students and students of color. Research and data consistently show that armed staff in schools do not make them safer. In fact, a 2019 study published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, which analyzed school shootings in the US between 1999 and 2018, found "no evidence that the presence of resource officers in schools lessened the severity of school shooting incidents" (Livingston et al., 2019). This bill would only increase students' exposure to gun violence in Missouri schools. Missouri has the 5th highest rate of gun deaths in the US, and the presence of additional firearms in schools will undoubtedly make this worse.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL HACKETT		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: michael.d.hackett@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 11:17 PM
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As someone involved in Public Education for 18 years, and having come from a family of educators, I think I can say with some certainty, that we already place far too much on the shoulders of our Teachers. We do *NOT* need to add the reflexive duty of shooting and killing an armed student to save others. That is a bridge too far. We have SRO's who are trained for this function, do not place it on the shoulders of the untrained or less-trained.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHELLE MEARS		PHONE NUMBER:
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As a Missouri resident, I want to register my opposition to this bill to expand staff who can carry guns in schools. We do not need more guns in schools. It only makes it more dangerous for everyone. There is not one instance in a school shooting where a school employee was able to stop a person from committing violence. This bill should not be passed out of committee.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHELLE OHLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: ohle.michelle@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:19 PM
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Please do not arm our teachers. There is no proof that adding guns to a classroom will make students safer - in fact there is ample evidence that more guns means more risk of harm by guns. Please help keep our schools a safe place for all - bar guns entirely!



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WITNESS NAME: MINDY DARROW		PHONE NUMBER:	
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We do not trust teachers to choose books, but we want them to be armed?!? Teachers are sooo busy all day long, they do not need a dangerous firearm anywhere near them. If you want to protect children, ban assault rifles and work on gun control.



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I am a retired secondary school teacher, having taught in Missouri for 27 years. I **OPPOSE** this bill to arm Missouri's teachers. I taught in a rural school, where many students owned guns or had access to weapons from home. Placing guns in the hands of teachers (even the ones with prior experience) would put those same weapons within reach of students who know how to use them and who often cannot control their temper (or their actions). **PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS BILL.**



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My name is Noel Kopriva and I live in Columbia, where my son Jamie attends Hickman High School. He respects the School Resource Officer at Hickman, who is also a member of the Columbia Police Department. Jamie told me that he feels safer at school with the SRO because he (the SRO) is a trained police officer. This bill would allow persons who have only a conceal carry permit, but lack the extensive training that police officers receive, to carry a weapon around children in a public space where all kinds of emotions and personalities are potentially in conflict. This is setting the bar way too low for true safety. Those who are allowed to carry weapons in schools must have all necessary training, not just the bare minimum. Please don't support this bill in its current form. Thank you.



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As a parent, now grandparent, and former teacher this is straight up idiotic. Mo ranks 49th for teacher pay. You are not attracting the cream of the crop to teach. There are mentally unstable teachers. Cops “accidentally “ kill innocent people. And now you want to give guns to teachers?! NO! If more guns made communities and kids safer, Texas would be the safest place on earth. Stop pandering to morons!



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Dear MO House Representatives, I am writing in opposition to HB1440. There is no space for more guns to be in schools. The children of this generation have been traumatized too extensively by school shootings. Our country needs better background checks and 48hr- 1wk holds for gun sales to proceed to protect against emotional irrational gun purchases in moments of anger. I absolutely do not support arming teachers with weapons. Best, Priya



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Arming teachers is wrong. 1. **Risk of Accidents: Arming teachers introduces the potential for accidental discharge or misuse of firearms within the school environment. Teachers are not trained law enforcement officers, and having firearms on school premises increases the likelihood of unintended consequences, jeopardizing the safety of students and staff. 2. **Impact on Learning Environment:** Introducing weapons into the educational setting changes the dynamic of the classroom, creating an atmosphere of fear and mistrust. This can hinder the learning experience, as students may feel uncomfortable or anxious, impeding their ability to focus on academics and creating an unhealthy learning environment. 3. **Lack of Comprehensive Solution:** Arming teachers addresses the symptom rather than the root cause of school shootings. A more effective approach involves investing in mental health resources, improving school security measures, and implementing preventive measures to identify and address potential issues before they escalate. Arming teachers oversimplifies a complex problem and may divert resources from more holistic solutions.**



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Firearms are a HUGE responsibility, added to the huge responsibility that teachers already have. I do want children and staff to be safe, but I do not think that arming teachers is the answer. It takes a lot of training to safely handle firearms and handle life threatening situations, and teachers don't have that training. School resource officers, sure, but this bill opens the door wide, and brings additional guns into a school, with people who might have good intentions, but not the correct training and responsibility.



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Please do not do this. Add funding for school resource officers - people who have already chosen policing as a line of work. We can't add more to the plates of teachers, or add such factors to the already tense dynamic with a school. We are already given so little trust from parents, just let us do our jobs without this absurdity.



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Trained police officers have misplaced guns in schools. Trained police officers have accidentally discharged guns in schools. Trained police officers have had difficulty telling who is a good guy and who is a bad guy in schools. Nothing good will come of teachers with guns in schools.



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I am **STRONGLY** opposed to this bill. The evidence shows this would not increase safety, and in fact could make situations worse and more deadly.



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This is an absolutely ridiculous and INSANE bill. Stop the MAGA insanity! Just FUND education, don't ARM teachers! Sane people don't want this!! Just stop already!



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The only guns allowed legally in a school should belong to the assigned SRO's. Teachers have too much on their plate to discern a good guy with a gun vs a bad guy with a gun. The SRO's are hired by our district to support us in ways that teachers are not trained. I am a teacher in a special education classroom, public school, grades k-6 and I trust my local police force and SRO to protect our teachers and and students.



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Allowing school teachers or other employees of school districts who are designated as "school protection officers" to carry weapons into schools is a terrible ideas for many reasons. A conceal and carry permit does not make any recommendation regarding an individual's skill level in using firearms. Police officers and other law enforcement officers who carry weapons are required to train regularly and undergo evaluation regarding their capacity to use those weapons. Nowhere in this bill is there a requirement for a similar level of training for the designated school protection officers. Lack of training increases the possibility that the designated school protection officer will harm innocent children during a crisis. In addition, bringing guns into schools increases the chance of them being misused or fired accidentally. Finally, school districts will face increased insurance costs as the increase in guns will create a statistically higher chance of their misuse in the school and the resulting liability to the school district and the taxpayers who support it. Please vote against this brief and poorly thought out bill.



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Arming teachers will lead to tragedy.



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Arming teachers or school staff presents challenges that I do not believe school's or school personnel are ready to assume. I am a long-time educator invested in trying to understand this issue. What I have learned across numerous conversations and readings is that administrators, teachers, school safety experts, and our public safety officers have sent a consistent message that policy that supports arming school personnel is a bad idea for kids and teachers. This is a responsibility that exceeds the expertise and experience of school boards and school leaders. Ken Trump, President of National School Safety and Security Services cautions that "schools setting policy to allow teachers and school staff to be armed with guns would take on an enormous amount of responsibility and potential liability" and that having teachers in a quasi-public safety role creates other potential high-risk situations for students and teachers.



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Congratulations. This is the stupidest idea I have heard since "Let's expand the voucher program." Have you ever met teacher's aides in low-income schools? I wouldn't trust them with a houseplant. They'll be leaving firearms lying around everywhere, students will be vying to see who can collect the most pieces. I played "cowboys and Indians" as a child, but I never expected that our government would try arm everyone and let it happen for real and for keeps.



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I am a former educator who has two children who will be entering the public school system in the next two years. Based on my experience as an educator and my role as a father, I am opposed to arming teachers. The answer to gun violence in schools is not more guns. Also, asking teachers to take the responsibility of being armed to protect their students, even voluntarily, is worrisome. There is enough on their plate without having to worry about this. Let them focus on teaching and nurturing students, while you focus on passing legislation that makes it's harder for people to get guns.



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Do not arm teachers! I was a substitute teacher for over 15 years. My daughter is getting her Masters in education right now. This will deter her from seeking employment in this state and I will definitely never work in a Missouri school again. You think there's a teacher shortage now....just wait.



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HB 1440 is a dangerous bill that would increase the presence of firearms in schools. This bill would allow more school personnel to carry inside our K-12 schools and would put our students and children at increased risk for gun violence. Having access to a gun in the classroom increases the likelihood that a student will access a gun and that someone will be shot outside of an active shooter incident. Schools are places for books and backpacks, not weapons. Missouri has one of the highest rates of gun deaths in the United States. Increasing the presence of firearms in schools is only going to exacerbate the issue. I encourage members of this committee to please vote NO on HB 1440.



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As a teacher and mom, I already feel unsafe at school. I keep my door locked "just in case." Blinds always closed. I flinch at every noise, accidental intercom buzz. We don't need more guns in school. The risk is too great in a setting that can get too emotional, too overwhelming, too fast.



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Arming teachers will not help keep children safe. My kids have enough to worry about with other students by attending a public school without having to worry about an unqualified *adult* brandishing a firearm in the classroom. This entire notion is absurd and a waste of taxpayer dollars. Deal with bills and laws that restrict access to firearms and increase penalties for neglectful acts which allow children access to them as well. Hire more actual SROs. Pay teachers a livable wage. Do not place even more of a burden on our educators to carry firearms.



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Arming teachers with guns raises concerns about unintended consequences, potential accidents, and the overall safety of students. It could create an environment that may not be conducive to effective education and might escalate rather than mitigate risks. Additionally, teachers are not trained law enforcement officers, and their primary focus should be on educating students, not acting as armed security.



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As a child, I grew up in a very violent home- in Missouri. My mother was a teacher. My dad was a violent man that used to beat her at night, threaten to kill her with a gun- putting a gun to her head many times. The police saved her life once when they kicked down the door as he held the gun to her. I was 7 at that time and standing right there. My home was not safe. School was my only safe space back then. If my teacher had a gun in the classroom I would have panicked and been even more traumatized. I knew police had guns and knew how to use them, so I understood that. Teachers should never have guns in a room with a child. Never. Enact common sense gun laws rather than pile more on teachers. Adding guns to the mix will bring about fear and mistakes will be made. Children will be hurt.



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As an educator of 28 years this is a dangerous idea. There are numerous problems with arming a teacher by simply completing a course. Teachers are not continuously trained in proper use of firearms, detecting threats, or how to respond to threats. By simply having a concealed carry permit and completing one course does not make an educator responsible enough to carry a concealed weapon on a school campus. Police officers and SRO's are continually trained and updated on best practices. Even then there have been documented instances of problems with them carrying weapon school property. By adding more weapons in the hands of teachers does not make a schools safer. Teachers are trained to teach, not use weapons in highly stressful situations. One last example, even though there are many more, would be what does the armed teacher do in the case of an intruder. The teachers first responsibility should be to put their students in the safest environment possible. That may be leading them out of the building. If an armed teacher chooses to go after an attacker then they will not be leading their students to safety. If they get injured or killed then more students are in danger because they did not do their first responsibility of getting their students out of the building to safety. Arming teachers does not solve any problem, it creates more.



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No Missouri elementary or secondary school teacher should be armed in the class room. Arming teachers would solve no current problem and very well could cause tremendous and deadly new problems.



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EMAIL: shannon.gavornik@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/10/2024 3:52 PM
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As a parent and someone who has substituted in schools I am opposed to arming Missouri teachers. Teachers have more than enough on their plates and do not need to deal with this. We do not need weapons in our schools.



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I am a teacher in Missouri. This is my 28th year in public education. Teachers do not want to be armed in schools. We are there to help kids learn. Instead of passing gun legislation, you want to put guns in our schools? You don't trust us to teach our curriculum but you fell safe with giving us guns? Please choose to keep our schools safe by not putting guns in teachers' hands



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EMAIL: t_sharon@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:36 PM
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When teachers are armed risk of accidents go up. Even security & police officers can't defend against assault style weapons. Arm teachers with information supplies and decent pay so they can teach and let the police & security guards do their jobs.



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WITNESS NAME: SHELBY SEARS		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: shellstar1967@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:17 PM

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It is not the job of a teacher or administrators to act as school protection officers. They have not been trained in how to secure their weapon as law enforcement officers are. I am in strong opposition to this bill



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHANIE LANE		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: stephanielane8294@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 8:40 PM
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My name is Stephanie Lane and I'm a school-based therapist who works in Jefferson County. Firearms should not be present in our schools in any capacity, but if they must be present they should only be possessed by law enforcement officers who are trained to navigate stressful situations in ways that teachers are not. This school year I've seen countless issues with teachers losing their temper, struggling with managing student behavior, and misbehaving students acting completely inappropriately and accessing dangerous items like scissors against teacher instruction. Adding firearms to these situations is irresponsible and puts children at risk



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EMAIL: srttgrs@yahoo.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/10/2024 8:22 AM
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I do NIT want teachers armed.



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Guns don't belong in schools.



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WITNESS NAME: TARA ANURA		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: tara.anura@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/10/2024 5:09 PM
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My paternal grandmother and mother were Missouri elementary school teachers until they retired. I served as a preschool-high school substitute para-professional for eight years in Texas County Missouri. It's been proven that armed staff does not stop a mass shooter. Better background checks, red flag laws, and family members securing their weapons curbs gun crime. Staff is too busy with the toddlers and kindergartners taking care of runny noses, bathroom trips, and teaching to keep small hands from a gun on their hip or anywhere else. Keep guns out of our schools.



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WITNESS NAME: TERESA DANIELEY		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: tkmithen@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:24 PM
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I am the Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieley. As the mother of 3 children in St. Louis Public Schools, the President of the Parent Teacher Organization at Mann Elementary School in SLPS, a priest in the Episcopal Church and the Missioner for Public Advocacy for the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, I strongly oppose this bill. More guns will NOT help the safety and security of Missouri students. To speak from my own family's direct experience: My children and their fellow students are already traumatized and re-traumatized by intruder drills (most students having already suffered trauma) and they all experienced the terror of a true lockdown when a former student who *would not have had a gun* IF MISSOURI HAD COMMON SENSE GUN LEGISLATION LIKE RED FLAG LAWS killed a student and a teacher at Central Visual and Performing Arts High School down the street from my children's elementary school. Please listen to the pleas from CVPA students and many other Missouri families and students to reduce the availability of guns. Do not intentionally bring more guns into our schools. Thank you.



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**Keep guns out of schools and only in the hands of police officers. Teachers should never be armed.
What a foolish idea.**



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This can't be the solution! It will only be a matter of time before a gun gets into the hands of a grade-schooler accidentally or a teenager attacks the teacher and takes the gun. This is nonsense. Teachers should not be expected to defend their students in a shoot-out.



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I am writing in strong opposition to arming teachers and other school staff. Allowing designated teachers and administrators to conceal carry will not make schools safer.



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HB1440 is not right for our schools. Students and staff should be focused on academics, social emotional regulation, building relationships, and building strong communities without the added stress of unwanted firearms in our buildings. Wondering if our students and staff have to be concerned about accidental shootings within our walls and the possible threats from outside them. Please vote no on HB1440



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Guns do not belong in schools and teachers should not be armed. I strongly oppose this bill.