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My name is Caroline David, and I would like to give a written testimony opposing House Bill 8310.

Research has shown time and time again that SROs do nothing to protect the safety of our students, and in fact can put them in more danger.

A [Brown University study](#) released in October 2021 found that school police do not prevent school shootings, nor gun-related incidents. Further, the researchers found that the presence of SROs harms school environments and increases the number of arrests and police referrals of students, as well as the use of suspensions and expulsions. The presence of SROs also increases absenteeism among students with disabilities.

If you're committed to keeping students safe, please consider the evidence and make the right choice.

Sincerely,
Caroline David