June 19, 2019

Chairman Callender
Ranking Member Smith
Members of the House Public Utilities Committee

Re: Support for SB 33

Dear Chairman Callender, Vice Chairman Wilkin, Ranking Member Smith and members of the
House Public Utilities Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to submit comments today on behalf of the Coalition of Ohio
Regional Districts (CORD) in support of SB 33, or the “Ohio Critical Infrastructure Protection
Act.”

CORD is a non-profit association established to assist, protect, and advance the interests of
Ohio’s Regional Water and Sewer Districts, also known as “6119 Districts” since they are
established under Chapter 6119 of the Ohio Revised Code. 6119 Districts provide potable water,
sanitary sewer, and storm water services to over 1 million customers in the State of Ohio.

Sewer and water services are vital to the health and wellness of Ohio’s citizens. Any tampering
or damage to our members’ facilities could have devastating consequences to the communities
they serve. SB 33 has been designed in such a way to protect free speech and the ability to
peacefully protest, yet appropriately penalize those individuals and organizations choosing to
cause damage to critical infrastructure facilities operating in this state.

On behalf of the members of CORD, I would like to thank Senator Hoagland for his work on this
important legislation and urge the committee’s support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John B. Albers
Coalition of Ohio Regional Districts (CORD)
Executive Committee Member