

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPRESENTATIVE JAMIE CALLENDER, CHAIRMAN

PLEASE COMPLETE THE WITNESS INFORMATION FORM BEFORE TESTIFYING

DATE: October 21, 2019

NAME: Marguerite & Robert Hughes

ORGANIZATION: Concerned Citizens

POSITION/TITLE: _____ Property Owners _____

ADDRESS: _____ 461 Seigle Lane _____

CITY: STATE: _____ Athens_ OH_ ZIP: 45701_____

TELEPHONE: _____ 240-483-9592 _____

ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELVES YES ~~ORGANIZATION~~ no

DO YOU WISH TO provide written TESTIMONY ON

LEGISLATION (BILL NUMBER): SB 33 and amendments to it YES

SPECIFIC ISSUE: Suppression of citizens' First Amendment rights to free speech and assembly

SUBJECT MATTER: Even without organization liability, this bill would result in suppression of rights

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR POSITION ON THE BILL

PROPONENT: NO

OPPONENT: YES, STRONGLY OPPOSE BILL SB 33

INTERESTED PARTY: Voting citizens protecting our First Amendment rights.

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS ON WHICH YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE SUCH ENACTMENT: We oppose this bill which would provide additional specific tools to intimidate, threaten and strike fear in citizens who wish to express their public opinion--which is guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution. Ohio already has laws on the books which address criminal trespass and vandalism or property damage. This bill is unnecessary, and in light of current atmosphere of political distrust, could also bring concerns of conflict of interest (emolument clause) to its primary sponsor, Senator Hoagland, who stands to profit from this legislation with regard to his firm, START, LLC. Ohio constituents will be watching this procedure closely. This concludes our written testimony regarding Opposition to SB 33.

WILL YOU HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT, VISUAL AIDS, OR OTHER MATERIAL TO DISTRIBUTE? NO.