WITNESS INFORMATION FORM
HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE JAMIE CALLENDER, CHAIRMAN

PLEASE COMPLETE THE WITNESS INFORMATION FORM BEFORE TESTIFYING

DATE: __Nov. 18, 2019__________________________
NAME: ___Michael  Melampy________________________

ORGANIZATION: (IF APPLICABLE) ________________________________
POSITION/TITLE: ___Retire  professor of biology____________________

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ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELF___x__ ORGANIZATION ________
DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ON
LEGISLATION:  SB33
SPECIFIC ISSUE:  protection of critical infrastructure
SUBJECT MATTER:  legal penalties

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR POSITION ON THE BILL
PROONENT: __________
OPPONENT: ___x_______
INTERESTED PARTY: _____

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS ON WHICH YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE SUCH ENACTMENT:
I oppose SB 33 on the grounds that it is superfluous and is designed to infringe on the first amendment rights of Ohio citizens. We already have trespass laws that protect critical infrastructure, making the proposed bill completely superfluous. The bill’s vague description of critical infrastructure could be broadly interpreted to include almost anything, making it easy to bring legal actions against legitimate protestors. The bill’s purpose is clear: to protect oil and gas companies from protests at the expense of first amendment rights.

I will be unable to attend the hearing and submit these written comments for the record related to SB33.