

Representatives,

I am Julia Almaguer, a 56 year old mother, wife, and school teacher from Loveland, Ohio. I very much would like to be in attendance today, but I am unable to miss work.

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 33. The first amendment of our US Constitution states that "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Senate Bill 33 would abrogate my right and the rights of other Ohioans to assemble peacefully to oppose issues that affect us personally.

Please do not silence Ohio citizens or organizations that support their peaceful protest. Consideration of such is stunning and runs counter to our United States belief in free speech. Our nation was founded upon this belief.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julia Almaguer