

Chairman Callender, Vice Chair Wilkin, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the Public Utilities Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is William Davis. I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and retired from a 42 year career in Information Technology as a Computer Programmer, Systems Analyst, Software Engineer and Database & System Administration.

I want you to know that I am strongly opposed to SB 33. I urge you to vote NO because someone must stand up for the people of Ohio against the hundreds of lobbyists speaking on behalf of dozens of corporations who support the heavy-handed tactics to deal with the inconvenience of citizens wishing to demonstrate against construction projects which represent a hazard to the environment and the people living in the area.

I heard earlier this year that this bill was pitched to you as a "water protection" bill by the lobbyists. I hardly think criminalizing dissent, infringing on free speech and freedom of association have enough to do with water protection to justify supporting this bill. This and similar bills will be challenged in court. The ACLU has already won a settlement in South Dakota favoring the people. Ohio already has all the laws we need to protect property against vandalism, trespassing and the like.

SB 33 is another cookie-cutter bill from the American Legislative Exchange Council. If you belong to ALEC, I would suggest you drop your membership. ALEC is looking for corporate shells. I hope you wouldn't want to be in that category of representative. I do NOT believe many of your constituents would support your being a member of a group that is focused on issues that maximize corporate profits at the expense of clean air & water, climate impacts, workers' well-being and the very existence of humankind.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote *NO* on this *harmful* bill that has wasted hundreds of hours of people's time both inside and outside the People's House with its consideration and will waste more resources and erode the public trust if it is passed.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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