

January 28, 2020

Testimony on SB 33 Opponent

Dear Chairman Callendar, Vice Chair Wilkin and Ranking Member Smith,

My name is Roxanne Groff and I have testified a few times on SB 33 as a staunch opponent of this legislation. By now, you have heard many compelling stories from constituents who have experience with assaults on their communities by the oil and gas industry. Whether you believe these stories or not, the issue is that all of these people have in some way used the right to protest and express their concerns about what can happen and has happened to them or their communities from fracking, injection wells, pipelines and compressor stations.

This bill, which many of you believe does not interfere with free speech, what it does do is instill fear into people that no matter how they express themselves in a protest there will be consequences. This in fact is the inference and the quashing or chilling of free speech. Local police, sheriff and highway patrols WILL arrest people who may be peacefully protesting to intimidate them and others who may want to do the same in their communities. Read the laws in Ohio that already are in place to punish those who commit crimes.

DO the right thing...vote NO on this bill. Do it For The People!

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