

Representative Callender, and Members of the Public Utility Committee,

Thanks for the opportunity to share my views on SB 33, now before you.

I am in opposition to the bill for the following reasons:

1. There is no evidence that I have seen, why this bill is necessary and needed beyond the penalties for the behavior described in the bill. This area is already covered in Ohio Law. I have not seen nor heard about masses of people interfering in the business of fracking; not at the well heads, not in the disposal of waste, and not in the transmission of oil and gas. Yes, there may have been groups show up to oppose the activities, but as far as I know they are peaceful in their intent, and in practice.

2. When I go back in the history of labor in the United States, from 1890 until 1940, **I find significant comparison to the tactics used there, and what is envisioned in this legislation.** Companies used infiltrators to disrupt union meetings, and picket lines, often encouraging violence against the company. Companies then felt justified in using their hired security to go after union demonstrations and picket lines which led to violent confrontations, which led to arrest and imprisonment for union members. The infiltrators disappeared in the chaos. This looks like a set up for the same scenario.

3. This legislation casts a "PALL" over 1st amendment rights of free speech. It also taints, marks, and disfigures organizations to which citizens belong, including churches and houses of worship, which encourage their members to support one another, and speak out about violations of human assaults. Organizations like these could literally "be put out of business."

4. This legislation is also troublesome because it is apparent that the oil and gas industries, those who frack our land, have caused far more harm than any protestors could ever, through befouling the land, water, and air. The Department of Natural Resources is the designated state representative to monitor these activities, but it has been "hamstrung" by the legislature and governor ready and willing to support whatever the industry wants.

Please do NOT SUPPORT SB 33.

Sincerely,

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