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To Chairman Callender and members of the Public Utilities Committee,

You have read and heard from well over 100 Ohio residents who oppose SB 33 over the past months, overwhelmingly by people who oppose this egregious stifling of dissent in this country, state-by-state. This is a blatant, dishonest initiative by the oil & gas industry, fed largely by American Legislative Exchange Council resources, to stop people from bringing large attention to the harms that the industry perpetrates on people who reside in states that have oil and gas activity in this country. Corporate fascism eventually results in the same egregious harms to the general population that politically-despotic fascism resulted in during the twentieth century.

This text is a final plea to the elected officials in the state of Ohio to focus on moving into our future by allowing awareness of what fossil fuel harvesting in Ohio is doing to our resources, both now and in the distant future, to the health of residents in this state, as well as the environment.

In terms of laws and penalties for violent and/or damaging protest, our system is actually working. What is NOT WORKING is that industries, in this case the oil and gas industry, are increasingly forcing their will to maintain status quo for continuing their activities, even as we are seeing more and more that their harms are too big to hide, and especially too big to withstand.

SB 33 is on the wrong side of our future, as it puts additional harm on residents who have the vision to understand that our path of unlimited fossil fuel harvesting is anathema to our future on this planet. Let's move into seeing Ohio as a state with the vision of a healthy future in mind, rather than as a dinosaur taking us the way of extreme disruption of use of life-giving resources aided by the ratcheting up of fascism in our government.

Please read this very recent [article](#) on radioactive content of oil and gas wastes.

Please represent the majority of people in this state and vote NO to putting SB 33 on the house floor!

Your future depends on it as well as ours.

Sincerely,

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