

If I could appear to testify, this is what I would say:

We find ourselves at the beginning of a devastating international pandemic. We are not, however, helpless. We know that isolation, safe distancing and wearing masks are protective measures every person can take to protect themselves as well as others. We also know that the elderly and those with underlying diseases and health issues are not the only ones suffering and dying from Covid 19. Anyone can get the corona virus and anyone can suffer serious consequences from contracting the disease. Children, babies, teenagers and young adults have all died as a result of the corona virus. No one is immune.

Perhaps this crisis explains the reason we are having to contend with some terrible legislation proposed by Republicans. We are distracted and occupied with medical, physical as well as economic concerns and this is what opportunists feel is a good time to propose very bad legislation and work to rush it through. When we wake up from this corona nightmare, we will find our freedoms constrained by the results of new laws we didn't even realize were being passed.

Vultures are creatures of opportunity. They feed upon the weak, the dead and the dying. Is democracy in Ohio dead, dying or too weak defend itself? I object to the proposal of absurd and unfair legislation to restrict voting rights in our state.

Your bill restricts the rights of citizens to vote. Personally, I believe that the disenfranchisement of a voter ought to be punishable by a prison sentence, so I am in favor of INCREASING opportunity to vote. If I even think of my high school teacher, I cannot imagine that he would countenance this sort of restrictive bill. He would have soundly condemned it, as I do now.

You ought to be ashamed to sponsor such a bill and especially at this time. It seems that Republicans do not want the general public to vote and they try to restrict voting every chance they get. Who taught your Principles of Democracy in high school and how would he/she feel about the bill you propose?

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