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Northern Ohioans for Budget Legislation Equality  
State and Local Government Committee  
HB 680 – Opponent Testimony  
June 3, 2020

Chairman Wiggam, Ranking Member Kelly, members of State and Local Government Committee:

My name is Diana King and I am writing on behalf of Northern Ohioans for Budget Legislation Equality (NOBLE) [www.organizeohio.org/noble](http://www.organizeohio.org/noble). NOBLE is an organization that works to bring the voices of low-income consumers to state budget issues. NOBLE also works on local issues that are funded in all or part by the state budget.

We are writing to you today regarding Ohio's House Bill 680. House Bill 680, if passed, suppresses the ability to vote. If enacted, it would deprive our citizens, civilians at home and those bravely serving in the armed forces, of opportunities to exercise their right to vote. As Americans, we all want to do whatever we can to maximize voting across Ohio as part of our democracy. There is no question that the passage of this bill will stifle a large number of citizens, who our organization represents, to vote in the November election. Thus, we ask your committee to deny passage HB 680; keeping your oath to serve and protect the constitutions of our state and country.

Instead, the state should look to provide safe, accessible elections to all eligible Ohioans. This can be achieved by ensuring that all Ohio voters have access to absentee applications and ballots, as well as paid postage, and expanded opportunities for early voting.

We thank you for your consideration and urge you to VOTE NO on HB 680 in the State and Local Government Committee. You can contact our organizer Brittney Madison at 330-571-3333 or [bmadison@organizeohio.org](mailto:bmadison@organizeohio.org) with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Diana King, Chair



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