

Written Testimony for April 27, 2017

Bill Number: HB 49

Specific Issue: Amendment Number HC 1793

Subject Matter :Proposed change to Ohio Revised Code 1545 concerning County Parks

To: Chairman Ryan Smith

Ohio House Finance Committee

Dear Chairman Smith,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to give written testimony on HB 49. **Please remove amendment HC 1793 from the Budget Bill.** The amendment would stifle public participation and would hinder free speech, contrary to the First Amendment. The amendment would give expanded and vague powers to probate judges that could be exploited to discourage, control and punish public comment.

Thank you,

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