

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM
HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE JAMIE CALLENDER, CHAIRMAN PLEASE COMPLETE

THE WITNESS INFORMATION FORM BEFORE TESTIFYING

DATE: November 18, 2019

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(IF APPLICABLE)

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ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELF ORGANIZATION _____

DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ON

LEGISLATION (BILL NUMBER): SB33

SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

SUBJECT MATTER: _____

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR POSITION ON THE BILL

PROPONENT: _____

OPPONENT:

INTERESTED PARTY: _____

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS ON WHICH YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE SUCH ENACTMENT:

This bill is an unnecessary distraction that restricts our freedoms. Everyone has the right to free speech and peaceful assembly.

Ohio already has laws on the books for trespass and property damage, so SB33 is not needed for preventing those crimes.

This bill would create a new set of crimes or significantly enhanced penalties and costly fines that could apply broadly to anyone.

In particular, SB 33 would criminalize the ministry of justice-focused churches and faith-based justice organizations who engage in or support peaceful public protest at critical infrastructure sites.

WILL YOU HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT, VISUAL AIDS, OR OTHER MATERIAL TO DISTRIBUTE? YES _____

NO

(IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES TO THE CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY)

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOUR TESTIMONY REQUIRE? None. Submitting this written testimony only.