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Chairman Jamie Callender  
House Public Utilities Committee

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I write, as a citizen of Ohio in **OPPOSITION** to **SENATE BILL 33**.

I oppose Senate Bill 33 because the Constitution of the United States guarantees the citizenry the right to freedom of speech and peaceful assembly regardless of political affiliation. This bill not only restricts those freedoms; it also criminalizes free speech and assembly.

In addition to criminalizing the right of free speech, SB 33 would also criminalize the social justice work carried out by faith-based organizations through peaceful protest. This infringes on religious liberty in favor of promoting the narrow economic self-interest of large corporations.

If the concern of the corporate interests that wrote and support this legislation is their ability to redress property damage, Ohio already has in place laws that address this issue.

As representatives of all of the people of Ohio, and not just representatives of large corporations, I urge you to defeat this amendment and protect the right of freedom of speech for non-corporate citizens and the right of faith based organizations to pursue social justice action on behalf of the citizens of this state.

Respectfully submitted,  
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