

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

PLEASE COMPLETE THE WITNESS INFORMATION FORM BEFORE TESTIFYING

DATE: Nov. 18, 2019

NAME: Michael Melampy

ORGANIZATION: (IF APPLICABLE) _____

POSITION/TITLE: Retire professor of biology

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ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELF ORGANIZATION _____

DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ON

LEGISLATION: SB33

SPECIFIC ISSUE: protection of critical infrastructure

SUBJECT MATTER: legal penalties

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:

I oppose SB 33 on the grounds that it is superfluous and is designed to infringe on the first amendment rights of Ohio citizens. We already have trespass laws that protect critical infrastructure, making the proposed bill completely superfluous. The bill's vague description of critical infrastructure could be broadly interpreted to include almost anything, making it easy to bring legal actions against legitimate protestors. The bill's purpose is clear: to protect oil and gas companies from protests at the expense of first amendment rights.

I will be unable to attend the hearing and submit these written comments for the record related to SB33.