

Testimony Opposing SB33, 4/3/19, Carolyn Harding

Thank you Chairman Eklund, Vice Chairman Manning and all Senate Judiciary Committee Members. I'm Carolyn Harding and I'm here to testify in opposition to SB33.

I woke up this morning and realized I was holding you small. No one wants to be held small. I choose to hold you Big as diverse Ohioans elected to protect and empower Ohio people, our land, water and air. I changed the words from Shame on you, to Shame for our Kids. Thank you.

Shame for our Kids that this Bill even got a hearing.

Shame for our Kids - that Senator Hoagland who owns START, Special Tactics & Rescue Training, with Oil and Gas Services as number 1 on his website, has the audacity to write a bill that could foreseeably promote his personal business.

Shame for our Kids. Ohio already has Trespassing laws. Rather than work to protect concerned citizens Democratic Rights: The First Amendment guarantees the right of the people to assemble, the right to speak freely, and the right to petition the government — some of you choose to pay homage to your donor - ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council, which a good number of you are current Members), and dare to pass a Law which would take away our Constitutional Right to Protest Peacefully. It appears SB33 legislation is straight out of the ALEC manual: <https://www.alec.org/model-policy/critical-infrastructure-protection-act/> SHAME.

Shame for our Kids for allowing Ohio to become a fracked gas resource colony for International Corporate interests: frack rigs, pipelines, compressor stations, leading to the Belmont County PetroChemical Hub and future Cancer Alley to make PLASTIC.

<https://www.dispatch.com/business/20180312/gov-kasich-proposed-75-billion-petrochemical-plant-adds-south-korean-partner>

When massive islands of floating plastic waste fills our oceans, killing whales, dolphins, turtles, fish and fowl?

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/trevornace/2018/11/26/yet-another-dead-whale-found-with-13-pounds-of-plastic-in-its-stomach/>

SHAME.

Shame for our Kids for not recognizing that we have 12 years to Stop catastrophic climate change, fueled by our Fossil Fuel addiction. I've included the full study here: https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-climatechange-trump-idUSKCN1NV2IG?utm_campaign=trueAnthem%3A+Trending+Content&utm_content=5bfc858b04d3010ee2a2d882&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR3DT8MnLUbSUP0p5X4N7vzVN7rHW3rdwxXwIVdq8yNkd82hsNdgxq6Ayw

SB 33 helps only the Perpetrators.

The good people of Ohio care. They work tirelessly - with NO corporate donor contributions. They see what's going on in our State. They see that our lives and livelihoods depend on safe and clean water, air, soil, forests, farm fields, lakes, streams, aquifers. We know that our US Constitution gives us Democratic Rights for Free Speech and the Right to protest peacefully when our inalienable rights are being threatened.

SHAME for our Kids.

SB33 is on the Wrong Side of History. If you Vote to criminalize Ohioan's Rights to assemble, the right to speak freely, and the right to petition the government, History will hold you accountable. Your children will learn, they will know, and they will forever be part of your reckless decision, your legacy.

SHAME.

I know about Shame. Warren G Harding's legacy preceded me as a child and precedes me now wherever I go.

Do the Right Thing for your kids, for your legacy, for Ohio. Protect and empower the People, land, water and air of Ohio, Not the dictates of the oil & gas industry.

Vote NO for SB33.