

hello Sen. Eklund,

I am one of your constituents, and I am very concerned about SB 33 and its intent to criminalize protest actions by making them felonies rather than misdemeanors. It is important that citizens continue to be able to speak their mind. Making protest a felony seems to serve only the purpose of trying to chill dissent. Individuals and organizations already have limited ways to show opposition to corporate actions and in a democracy the government should not be on the side of quelling legitimate dissent. As we have seen with the war on drugs, felony convictions can ruin people's lives, and there is no good reason to make civil protest subject to felony prosecution. This would be a huge step backwards for democracy and for the state of Ohio so I hope to hear that you oppose this legislation. I'm counting on you to be a voice of reason in the Senate!

regards,
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