

Opponent Testimony on Ohio Senate Bill 33 (2019)

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As a politically middle-of-the road voter, I favor having good government - one that governs least.

Proposed Senate Bill 33 changes penalties for infrastructure mischief and trespass to be much more severe than previous laws. Having lived in Ohio since 1973 I have not noticed major problems with the laws as they now stand.

It is known that ALEC supports and maybe wrote much of this “model policy” legislation.
<https://www.alec.org/model-policy/critical-infrastructure-protection-act/>

We Ohioans do not need outside parties shoving “model” legislation in our face. If we have a problem in Ohio in the future I am sure that we can address the problem.

On the ALEC website, ALEC proclaims in their tagline at bottom of page that they are for “limited government.” SB 33 heads us Ohioans in the opposite direction. This over-reaching bill seems designed to put more power than necessary in the hands of state officials. It is a hammer to smash a fly, before we enter fly season.

Please remove this bill from the legislature’s work.