

SB 33 Testimony
Senate Judiciary Committee
Columbus, Ohio

Position: Opposed

Dear Chairman Eklund and Members of the Committee;

I am writing to express my opposition to SB 33. I feel that this bill will be unjust to citizens who are trying to express and exercise their First Amendment Rights. This will be used to intimidate residents who are finding it significantly harder to express their opinions about their fears pertaining to oil and gas expansion into their communities.

People in Southeastern Ohio are finding it nearly impossible to address the impact of petro-chemical intrusions into the air, water and land of their region. Often painted as “outsiders”, their only recourse is to seek public attention via civil disobedience. They have been placed into a “David versus Goliath” situation trying to defend their property and health from companies that have endless money and influence.

This bill, SB 33, will only move our country closer to an oligarchy and remove more freedoms from our citizens. Please oppose SB 33.

Respectfully,
J.D. Pokladnik, P.E.