

Dear Senator Eklland and Committee Members,

I write to oppose the passage of SB 33. It is unnecessary, since trespass is already covered by Ohio law. While I do not condone damaging private property, I do believe in free-speech and the right to organize in order to draw attention to practices which harm the public good. The legislation is clearly meant to intimidate individuals and, even more dangerously, non-profit organizations that organize people to speak out against assaults by the oil and gas industry against our communities, climate, and public health. Penalties proposed are excessive.

I urge the defeat of SB 33.

Sincerely,

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