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**Opposition to Senate Bill 33**

Ohio Senate Bill 33 sponsored by Senator Frank Hoagland is a threat to environmental advocacy.

SB33 is an assault on civil liberties and free speech. It is unnecessary since trespass is already covered by Ohio law.

It increases fines, punishments and expands liability to those who merely associate with peaceful and lawful protest. An individual or organizations that provide bail funds to support peaceful climate civil disobedience is subjected to severe financial penalties and felony charges. I see the purpose of SB33 to silence dissent. The bill is a clear violation of the US Constitution's First Amendment.

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