

April 28, 2019

Senator Eklund
Ohio Statehouse
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Senator,

I am writing you request that you oppose SB 33 which takes away the right of nonviolent protest by people of this state. I have followed this through the American Legislative Council (ALEC) which is replicating this bill throughout this country. This bill was designed to prohibit individuals from voicing their concerns about the oil and gas industry. This bill ramps up consequences for individuals and organizations to the right of nonviolent protest to ensure the safety of their industry.

We as individuals are experiencing the impact of oil and gas development in our state. Spills, water contamination, truck accidents, air quality along with roads that are being damaged by this unrelenting development. So now this bill comes forward to further intimidate and restrict our rights to object.

While this bill may reference "critical infrastructures" it is really a means to support the oil and gas industry.

I live in an area of the state that has experienced the devastating of C8 poisoning, lives were lost, water forever contaminated and a surging cancer rate. This area is now experiencing injection wells and pipeline development. I ask you, what are we as citizens supposed to do?

I believe this is an overreaction by an industry to have unrestricted freedom to do whatever is in their financial best interest. I thought government was "for the people" not the rights of corporations.

Please vote NO!

Sincerely,

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