

## HB 22 Testimony by Doris Sigg, Wooster, Ohio

In Wooster, Ohio, protesters are nearing 300 days of peaceful witness to Black Lives Matter. Over the past several years, other gatherings on the City Square have included women's marches, immigration rallies, anti-KKK demonstrations, a Martin Luther King Jr. speech, and environmental watches. All were peaceful with the help of our police, yet we could be in violation of this newly proposed law. HB 22 would criminalize failure to follow an order from a law enforcement officer, throwing inert substances like glitter or confetti in the direction of a law enforcement officer, and other actions when law enforcement officers are involved. These proposed new rules dampen protesters' ability and willingness to gather and organize. They present criminal penalties that undermine the constitutional right to assembly.