

PROPONENT TESTIMONY OF:

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IN SUPPORT OF:

HB 55
Allow House committees/sessions be conducted virtually
House Government Oversight Committee

Dear Members of the Committee,

Our democracy works best when all of us are involved and we have equitable access to it. With an ongoing public health crisis, participating in legislative proceedings in person at the Ohio Statehouse is not a safe or accessible option for many Ohioans. Providing virtual testimony for all legislative hearings in the General Assembly would ensure that all Ohioans, no matter where they're located, would have more accessibility to contribute.

This year, our legislature will take up the process for redistricting. Virtual hearings will be of the utmost importance during this debate. It's imperative for legislative leadership to keep democracy open. Rep. Brigid Kelly's HB 55 would allow for virtual testimony and is a crucial first step to ensuring that all Ohioans can participate in the legislative process.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and discernment of this matter.

Respectfully,
Donna Brigger