

HB 175 to Deregulate certain ephemeral water features.

Our eco system is interconnected. Harm done to one part actually harms the whole. Ephemeral waters connect to the entire aquifer system. Numerous times each month, I receive flash flood warnings. Suddenly areas that have been “dry” are washed over with flood water carrying contaminants with it. Ohio’s Republican Senator Rob Portman has been championing protecting the Great Lakes for years. Deregulating ephemeral waters will expose the Great Lakes to contaminants including the “never-to-go-away” ones. We must look at regulations as tools to protect the health and safety on our communities.

HB175 should not be passed out of committee.