



## SUSTAINABLE MEDINA COUNTY

We Protect Medina County's Environment to Ensure a Healthy Ecosystem for Today's Residents and Future Generations

March 1, 2021

Sen. Nathan H. Manning  
The Ohio Statehouse  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: SB16

Dear Sen. Manning

I am a resident of Medina County, Ohio and also a member of Sustainable Medina County. I'm asking you to please Vote No on SB16 as it will cause harm to me and members of SMC when we we have peaceful non-violent protests.

My problem with this bill is that if a person, who is not part of our peaceful protest rally, comes along and does damage and then says they are part of our group, myself and our group would be convicted with felonies, liable for all damages including costs of law enforcement investigating and prosecuting for the offense, and we could be sentenced for up to eight years in prison. The alleged violation could also be an innocent person's word against the word of the bystanders who don't agree with the protestors or officers who don't realize who is really causing the harm.

The U.S. Constitution says that people have the right to protest and it is critical to our democracy. Please vote No on SB16.

Sincerely,

Katharine Jones