

Opponent Testimony by Morgan Bulger on Senate Bill 158  
Government Oversight Committee  
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Thank you for your time and the opportunity to present opponent testimony on SB 158. My name is Morgan Bulger and I am writing to oppose the passage of Senate Bill 158.

Cleveland voters deserve their right to vote on Issue 38 in November. Just like Clevelanders, voters in every municipality in Ohio deserve the opportunity to vote on local, citizen-led ballot initiatives. SB 158 infringes on that right.

I am a waitress in Cleveland and I'm passionate about anything that gives people more of a say in what our lives and future look like. The People's Budget is one opportunity for people to have more of a say in how public funding is used, and a way for people to work together, practice democracy, and have a positive impact on our communities. It gives everyday people the power to pitch their ideas to their community, and for communities to deliberate together about which ideas they most want to support into reality.

I believe the people of Cleveland should be allowed to vote on if they would like to see the People's Budgeting process here in Cleveland. SB 158 would take away even having the option to vote, and it is deeply disheartening. When people want to have a voice in how our future turns out, I believe they should have that right to do so. Please don't take away our right to vote on the issues impacting our lives. I would like to live in a democracy.

Sincerely,  
- Morgan Bulger