

Opponent Testimony by Trevor Pollack 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 Trevor Pollack 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.

The overwhelming evidence on participatory budgeting is that it is good for people, good for communities, and good for democracy. SB 158 is quite the opposite—it is petty, sinister government overreach masquerading as conservatism and will do only harm to our state.

Sincerely,

- Trevor Pollack