

Opponent Testimony by Ronald Crosby 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 Ronald Crosby 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.

Good morning, speakers of the House, my name is Ronald Crosby and I believe that the Citizens of Cleveland, Ohio should have the right to their money. I believe that the Citizens of Cleveland Ohio should be allowed to access the tax dollars that they pay the city of Cleveland and the state of Ohio. I am an a firm believer in Issue 38 because I have been a resident of the city of Cleveland my entire life and understand the ills of my fellow community members, when we see the constant blight, the misappropriation of spending, the selling off of land to the billionaire elite, and most importantly how my neighborhood has no resources. So, Issue 38 would be great because it would grant a lot of things for every citizen in Cleveland, that want to change the lives of Clevelanders. When, Issue 38 passes and the citizens of Cleveland utilize that 14 million annual, I feel that Public Safety in a city that ranks in the top 5 of violent cities will decrease. Plus, we will be able to appropriate the funds, instead of have them earmarked by the city government for private corporations and/or a 1.8 billion dollar budget that has continued to put Cleveland on the top worst list, top place not to live, and most imperatively the constant flight of Clevelanders leaving. This is why I am opposed to SB 158, as well

Sincerely,

- Ronald Crosby