

Opponent Testimony by Margaret Misak 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 Margaret Misak 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.

Cleveland residents have been debating the merits of Participatory Budgeting in public forums, house meetings, and neighbor to neighbor conversations. We as voters should have the right to determine how we want our city government to operate when it comes to our local tax revenues. To preempt citizens' voices at the local level corrodes trust in both state and municipal government.

Sincerely,

- Margaret Misak