

Opponent Testimony by John Jackson 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 John Jackson 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.

Reason being Clevelanders should have the right to make up there own minds is for one this country was built on democracy and should not be used as a dictatorship we have some very passionate people in our community who would love to see a change. Numbers don't lie this community has been on a downward spiral for a few years now crime rate is at an all time high and what we have been doing has not been working. Since I've been canvassing my neighborhood it's sad to say that my elders who have live here some for more 40+ years don't even feel safe going to there local store. They have expressed there concern with councilmen in our city and how there voices aren't being heard so it necessary that these people have the right to decide whether we can move on with issue 38 so they can have another alternative to safety service for the elderly health stores and programs that can help our community and our kids with mental health issues so on and so fourth this issue is something that this neighborhood desperately needs so that we can make a change and a difference here

Sincerely,
John Jackson