

Opponent Testimony by James 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 James 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.

The thoughtful, impactful spending of public dollars is the responsibility of both elected officials and the constituents they serve. Through Issue 38, Cleveland voters are now presented with an opportunity to directly and meaningfully guide how a portion of their public budget is spent. Whether they wish to pursue this opportunity should be the decision of Cleveland voters, and Cleveland voters alone. The state of Ohio should not preempt this decision.

Sincerely,

- James Misak