

Opponent Testimony by Angela Lin 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 Angela Lin 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.

Ohio voters must be trusted to make decisions that are best for their communities. Residents are the experts in their communities, and Cleveland voters have the right to make up their own minds on Issue 38 through the ballot box. Out-of-touch politicians and special interests don't like it when the people make decisions so they are rewriting the rules so they can get what they want instead of what the people want. After thousands of Clevelanders signed the petition to get Issue 38 on the ballot, it's only fair that they have the chance to actually vote on the People's Budget without interference from politicians in Columbus.

Sincerely,

- Angela Lin