

Opponent Testimony by Emily Terry on Senate Bill 158  
Government Oversight Committee  
October 10th, 2023

Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey, and all honorable members of the Government Oversight Committee:

As a Cleveland voter, I oppose the passage of SB 158 because it directly infringes upon my right as a voter to decide on a local issue. The emergency clause of the amendment is extremely concerning. Over 6,000 registered Cleveland voters signed a petition to get local Issue 38 on the ballot. Why rush the passage of a preemption bill before Cleveland residents weigh in on the local issue themselves? This is a direct power grab and if the House of Representatives is committed to honoring Home Rule and Cleveland's ability to govern locally, then please vote NO on SB 158.

Sincerely,  
- Emily Terry