

**Opponent Testimony on SB 91
Government Oversight Committee
December 12, 2023**

My name is Jonathan Welle and I am written to oppose SB 91. SB 91 makes the same mistake as SB 158: It attempts to minimize the voice of Ohio residents. That's the opposite direction our state must move if it is to become a better place to live, work, and play. Cleveland Owns is a nonprofit that strives to bring more democracy to our state by building cooperative businesses and fighting for economic democracy. We work with groups of workers, neighbors in Cleveland. We know Cleveland residents have important ideas and the right to express those ideas. SB 91 threatens to limit their right to do so, which is why we encourage you to vote no on SB 91.