

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

My name is Hans Holznagel and I am writing in opposition to SB 91. I urge a "no" vote on SB 91 because SB 91's language and intent are anti-democratic. Direct democracy and representative democracy are both valid forms of democracy. Cities should be allowed to decide for themselves if they want to give their citizens a voice through participatory budgeting, a form of direct democracy. Like the proposed SB 158 before it, SB 91 would take that choice away from cities. That would be a profoundly undemocratic thing for the State of Ohio to do.