

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you as an opponent of HB 1. The first question is, "Who benefits?" The answer is, "The political party in power. And the wealthy." Citizens are led to believe they are getting a big tax break. But that's not the truth.

The second question is, "Who suffers as a result of the changes in this law?" Ah, here's where the problem is. The answer is most of the middle class and the poor because services to the public and children would be severely affected negatively. To quote Senator Stephens in a recent interview with WOSU:

"Now the problem is for local governments, those automatic increases that have come over the years with inflating values are going to have to come from either votes of the voter or other ways of dealing with that."

Stephens said the explanation is complicated, but **admitted this could mean cities and counties, children's services, libraries, parks and other entities could have to go to the ballot with levies. "If a local area wants more fire department service, they vote for a levy. If they want more sidewalks, you know, it's again that self-determining factor,"** Stephens said.

We, the citizens, will be inundated with ballot initiatives year after year to fund our school districts, parks, road repairs, children's services, fire departments, transit improvements and much, much more. These are things that have been funded through the existing tax system.

I also quote Policy Matters Ohio:

According to a new analysis by Policy Matters Ohio, HB 1 slashes funding to children and all manner of local services, does nothing for low-income Ohioans, and provides less than \$3 in tax savings to many middle-income Ohio families.

The only ones who benefit are the Republican lawmakers and the wealthy taxpayers. This is NOT democracy. This bill is not providing for the common welfare. This bill should NOT be passed.

Thank you.

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