



of Cleveland had the right to have a say in how money is spent in the city they love. We have a right to promote local entrepreneurs and businesses that improve the community and build jobs. SB 158, by limiting these opportunities, will cost us jobs and weaken the community ties of this great state.

Cleveland residents deserve the opportunity to vote on Issue 38 in Cleveland. SB 158 is an attempt to strip Clevelanders of their ability to decide for themselves on the question of Participatory Budgeting. It is un-democratic and goes against the very nature of what our founding fathers wanted. Frankly, why even have elections when Big Government will just tell us what we can and cannot have?

Alleging that passing, or even having the ability to vote on, participatory budgeting will open some pandora's box that cedes control from elected officials is insulting to me as a resident, taxpayer, and voter (in every election day in this state since I turned 18). Involvement and engagement in communities by citizens is the lifeblood of small towns and cities struggling to survive amid over-taxation and anti-local business policies such as this.

I strongly oppose SB 158, and would be happy to speak with any members of the committee in more [details](#) about my opposition.

Sincerely,

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