

Bryce Dawson

Regarding Senate General Government Committee Hearing on S.B. 137

My name is Bryce Dawson and I am a concerned student and resident of Senator Bill DeMora's district in opposition to S.B.137. I am testifying on my belief that S.B.137 poses not only a gross overreach of State government infringing on Ohioans principle of Home Rule but a misuse of our state's attention.

As a lifelong Ohioan, I know the strength of community. Growing up just outside of the small village of Ostrander Ohio, I can confidently say that our communities are what make Ohio great. They are full of individuals that are passionate not only about themselves but the people around them. I've been privileged, with proximity to such a local government, to see the workings of our democracy first hand; sitting in on council meetings and interacting with our elected officials.

It is due to this history that I feel compelled to voice my opposition to S.B. 137. S.B. 137 represents a threat to Ohio communities self determination and Home Rule. I believe that Ohioans know what's best for their own communities, and that this overreach of state government will harm the communities that I love. I encourage the committee to vote no on S.B.137, and put their energies into supporting the freedom of our communities, not taking their freedoms away.

I appreciate the committee for their consideration of this testimony and much appreciate their time on this matter.