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Dear Chairman Rulli, Ranking Member DeMora, and members of the General Government Committee,

Good morning, my name is William Ely and I'm a resident and registered voter of University Heights, Ohio in Cuyahoga County. I am also retired Staff Sergeant of the U.S. Army and veteran of the both the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. After leaving the Army. I came to Ohio in 2018,

As a Veteran, I fought for the rights and freedoms of people both here but also in countries, where I fought. I am disturbed that have returned home to find my elected representatives trying to take my rights and those of my neighbors.

Ohio Home Rule carries directly from the 10<sup>th</sup> amendment of the Bill of Rights which is meant to ensure that our elected at the highest levels of power do not trample the rights of those at lower levels by controlling our lives from across the country or across the state.

By supporting Bill SB137 you are attacking a basic tenant that makes our country great. You are also setting up the state to defend an obviously unconstitutional law which me and my fellow taxpayers will ultimately pay for.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this needless and unlawful bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

I will now take any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

William Jerome Ely