

Chair Ray, Vice Chair LaRe, Ranking Member Brent, and members of the House General Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Dale Marie Pontz. I live with my dog and cat in Cincinnati, OH (45225) and work at a non-profit where we work year-round on voter mobilization.

I have voted in every primary, general, and special election since I turned 18 almost 30 years ago. I've been a precinct executive, a Voting Location Manager, and a candidate. The right to vote is my primary issue of interest, so I am passionately opposed to SB 293.

I've been increasingly concerned with the efforts to disenfranchise my neighbors in attempts to mitigate voter fraud, despite the fact that voter fraud is very rare and you are removing more valid votes than you're saving fraudulent ones. It reeks of an effort to curate your votes the way you curate your districts.

Your constituents are watching, and they will vote for candidates who protect our rights, not violate them. Take your oath to the constitution seriously and ensure that our suffrage is intact.

I ask you to consider my testimony, respect Ohio voters, and vote NO on this dangerous bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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