House Government Oversight Committee

House Bill 42

Written Testimony Only

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Dear Chairman Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the Government Oversight Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit opponent testimony on Ohio HB 42.

I oppose this bill because it has the effect of inhibiting immigrant residents from participating in important services such as law enforcement, education and healthcare. I believe that we weaken our society when we create exclusion zones that encourage actions outside of the legal system, failure to be educated and unhealthy behavior.

This bill is trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist. There are already numerous strict qualifications to access public benefits. Additionally, this bill is government overreach and scapegoats and intimidates immigrants. Instead we should focus on preventative measures like addressing hunger, access to healthcare, and housing inequality.