

Here's my testimony:

STOP the advancement of SB219! This bill is a blatant gift to fracking companies and will be a curse to the people, wildlife and environment overall of Ohio. This bill will make it quicker and easier to get fracking licenses with less time for valid opposition. It would allow fracking licenses to be extended for extra years with zero constraints! It would drastically limit oversight by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources...the very department created TO oversee things such as this. This bill would eliminate local government requirements. The Ohio legislature needs to stop kneeling at the feet of the oil and gas industries, develop a spine, and start doing what is best for the PEOPLE of Ohio and our environment! My family and countless other Ohioans frequent our state parks and public lands-the lands that were set aside for that exact purpose. These lands were NOT set aside to serve as a site for hazardous chemical injections and industrial development. Ohio families deserve to breathe clean air and drink clean water, for God's sake! The oil and gas industry MUST be adequately regulated. This bill is a complete abomination. DO NOT ADVANCE IT! LISTEN TO the voices of your constituents!!!

-Kristin Culpepper