

Chair Blasdel, Vice Chair Fischer, Ranking Member Rogers, and members of the House Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Mark Gavin, Sr. and I live in Columbus, Ohio.

I'm writing to urge you to vote NO on Senate Bill 219.

This bill fast-tracks fracking on Ohio's public lands and opens the door to drilling inside our state parks. These are places that belong to all of us. We pay for them. We use them. And we expect them to be protected.

SB 219 doesn't just speed things up. It cuts corners. It limits oversight, weakens accountability, and tilts the process toward oil and gas companies at the expense of Ohioans.

What's most concerning is that many of these provisions were already rejected and vetoed by Governor DeWine. There's no reason to bring them back now, especially in a way that moves even faster and with fewer safeguards.

I care about Ohio's parks. I've spent time in them, and I know how important they are to communities across the state. Once we allow this kind of industrial activity in these spaces, we don't get that back.

Please vote NO to fracking on SB 219.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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