

Dear Chairperson Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of the General Government Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. My name is Kate Weiskopf and I reside just outside of Cincinnati. I am a high school student writing in opposition to Senate Bill 63.

Democracy is a word that holds incredible value to me. I would assume the same is true of all of you. Unfortunately, many I know are losing faith in its tenets. If this is the same democracy that allows the government to overstep its bounds as laid out in the Ohio constitution, I could not blame them. Senate Bill 63 is an attack, not just on Ranked Choice Voting but on federalism as laid out by our founding fathers, both of the state and of the country. This bill is illegal.

I am young enough to have faith in systems. Young enough to believe that our government is by and for the people. I am young enough to have faith in you to do the right thing. This decision will demonstrate to me whether that faith is naive or substantiated.

Please do not let your personal interests get in the way of the interests of your constituents. Please vote no on this bill.

Sincerely,
Kate Weiskopf