

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Benjamin Kapferer, and I am the lead developer at a software development studio called Gumbo Machine.

I'm here today to express my severe concerns about SB 153 and its companion bill, HB 233. Ever since I was young, I have been a long-time believer in the power of democracy. I believe a key strength of Ohio's government is the ability it grants its people to make their voices heard, no matter what perspective they may have on life. I believe letting Ohioans get involved with their government is what makes this state so great, and I fear that the proposed bill will stymie that greatness.

I ask you to consider my testimony, consider the potentially dire consequences of this bill, and take more time to speak with local elections officials before making a decision.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Regards,
Benjamin Kapferer