

May 24, 2025

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

I am a lifelong Ohioan currently residing in Columbus. I am writing to express my opposition to SB 153. The bill makes voting harder for Ohioans rather than easier. It attempts to solve a problem that does not exist, but will likely disenfranchise many Ohioans in the process. I believe that our elections are *not* suffering from any sort of systemic problem or corruption, but the bill will likely introduce significant new problems by excluding citizens who have a legitimate right to cast their vote.

The bill also introduces barriers to the citizen initiative process which currently is the only recourse that citizens have when their elected representatives are being motivated, not by their constituency, but instead by well-funded special interest groups.

Sincerely,

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