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

My name is Trudy Hutchinson , and I am a resident of Lakewood. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am writing to express my opposition to SB 153. This massive bill is unnecessary and deeply harmful.

SB 153 is unnecessary because it has been shown in election after election that Ohio that are cast in Ohio are counted fairly and county Boards of Elections are trustworthy.

SB 153 is deeply harmful because it discourages citizen participation in voter initiatives and voting itself.

I value my voice, my experience and I feel like SB 153 devalues my participation in Ohio's democratic process.

The legislature should not rush such a significant and dangerous bill, especially during our primary election season when election officials have not even had time to weigh in. Please vote no on SB 153.

Sincerely,

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