

My name is Jennifer Reed. I am a 40-year-old married mother of two, and I am a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in the State of Ohio. I work full time providing mental health services both in person in NEO and virtually for all Ohioans. I was born, raised, and currently live outside the Cleveland area.

To cut to the chase, the SB 153 SAVE ACT is a solution in search of a problem and is horrifically unconstitutional. It is a blatant effort to stop Ohio citizens from access to voting, which is a fundamental right as a US citizen. This is an issue that has already existed for years due to various systemic issues like the ability to take off work, transportation, and other barriers that I have seen firsthand as a Clevelander.

While there is a lengthy list of negative consequences for this bill, it would disproportionately impact women who have changed their names. It would impact Republican and Democratic women equally, preventing us from equal access to voting. While the claim is to “prevent/reduce voter fraud”- a claim without backing evidence, this also appears to be a thinly veiled attempt to roll back the 19th amendment rights we were given only 105 years ago.

Consider my testimony entered, and vote no on this abhorrent bill that negatively impacts all Ohioans.