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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 Ann Sherif. I am a registered voter in Cuyahoga County, a home owner in Cleveland Heights 44106, and a teacher. I am strongly opposed to SB 153 and HB 233

Current Ohio law and the Boards of Election provide ample protection against voter fraud. SB153 sets up barriers to voter registrar by requiring an arduous process to provide proof of citizenship. This would affect many of my neighbors and colleagues who, having taken their husband's surname, would be required to produce proof of who they are. The current system works well, and The State of Ohio already has the means of investigating citizenship in the very rare case of questions about a prospective voter. This bill would generate unnecessary paperwork and rob Boards of Election of the time and focus they need to ensure that elections are carried out fairly and safely. In addition, the removal of drop boxes for ballots will dis-enfranchise many working people and parents who are not able to vote in person.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote *NO* on this dangerous bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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