

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

My name is Max Gilman and I am a life-long citizen of Ohio, having grown up in rural Ohio and now living in Geauga County.

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.

Election integrity is deeply important, and there is fraud going on. But not the way people think.

- Real Fraud takes place in the form of mega corporations being able to use super PACs to essentially buy elections. It is not democratic if individuals worth billions have more influence than individuals living paycheck to paycheck. That is the definition of **oligarchy**.
- Real Fraud takes place in the form of gerrymandering where unfair lines are drawn so that 40% of voters win 80 or even more percent of the elections. It is undemocratic when in what was a purple state – one side has minimal representation.
- Real Fraud takes place in the countless voter suppression tactics used to prevent people from voting. Voting is a right, but with laws such as SB 153 among others being passed to make it more difficult – this essentially takes away that Constitutional right. This is **authoritarian** style tactics.

SB 153 will not protect election integrity but rather take it away, and thus more fraud by essentially denying many women the right to vote.

Do what's right for Ohio. Please vote no on moving SB 153 forward.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Max Edward Gilman

