

Written testimony AGAINST SB No. 153

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Dear Senate Committee:

I am an Ohio resident and voter writing to express my horror at the proposed changes to Ohioans' voting rights outlined in SB 153 in the name of "proving citizenship."

By every measure, it is known that voter fraud is EXTREMELY rare. What is not rare? **Married women**, who, like me, changed their surname upon marriage; **elders**, who may not have easy access to their birth certificates; **renters** who need to frequently move, and **active-duty military members**. The hurdles this bill would place between us and our right to vote are enormous and fiercely anti-democratic and anti-American.

I am appalled to read in the proposed language that **Under Ohio's SAVE Act, if voters fail to respond to voter confirmation notices** sent to them through the mail within 14 days of the second notice, they could face **PROSECUTION**. Just think of all the things that can happen—that have happened—to each of you personally that get in the way of your earnest intention to follow up on a piece of important mail in a timely manner. If this measure is passed, many eligible Ohioans would be scared to register to vote at all. I myself would be terrified to change my registration if I even have to move within the state—something that people do all the time!

Are we trying to drive valued, contributing community members away from Ohio through flagrant disregard for the access to vote enshrined in the Constitution? At what point does something, while technically "possible" to achieve, become so onerous to actually take on that that possibility fades to a mathematical technicality?

I urge you by all the oaths to protect and serve Ohioans that you have ever taken to ensure this legislation does not pass.

Thank you,
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