

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

My name is Jennifer Sumerak and I have been a citizen of Ohio for 37 years of my life, in the suburbs of Cleveland.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am writing to deeply oppose SB 153. This bill is not only unnecessary, but it is very harmful.

This is just like the SAVE Act at the federal level, which is quite unpopular. SB 153 will make it very hard for married women like myself, who have changed their name, to prove our citizenship.

Frank LaRose, Secretary of State, found NO cases of voter fraud in Ohio in the 2024 general election. Literally ZERO cases. He also said Ohio is the “gold standard” for election integrity. If there is no voter fraud, why do we need to pass a law that infringes on voter rights in Ohio?

Kansas passed a similar proof-of-citizenship law a decade ago and it was a huge political fiasco for the state for some time. Why would we want this in Ohio?

I am asking you to do what is right for Ohio. PLEASE VOTE NO on SB 153.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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