

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

My name is Jessica Kwiatkowski. I am a South Euclid resident. I  
am strongly opposed to SB 153.

Voting is the bedrock of our democracy, and voting registration--  
and the act of voting-- should be easy and favor constituents. It is  
known that bills such SB 153 erode democracy, and they seek to  
remedy issues that do not exist at the scale this bill imagines.  
There is no widespread voter fraud. People who do not have the  
right to vote, such as undocumented immigrants, are not voting in  
our elections.

What this bill does is strip many US citizens of access to voting  
and voting registration. It erects needless barriers, and it seeks to  
override the will of the people and to deny them a voice in matters  
that affect their everyday lives.

Although many groups with a history of disenfranchisement will  
face even greater challenges this bill, I would draw your attention  
to women voters, who often change their names upon marriage.  
This bill and others like it would create a profound barrier due to  
the difference between married names and names on a birth  
certificate. This level of paranoia is totally unnecessary, and this  
so-called security measure inhibits without protecting.

Reject this bill and conserve access to voting. Without all the  
voices of our polity, the very foundation of our democracy begins  
to crack and crumble. Self-government is a very precious  
cornerstone of modern progress, and it is harder to restore than it  
is to preserve.