

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 Joan Palmer, I have recently moved back to Ohio and I am strongly opposed to SB 153.

I am a fortunate American citizen who joined the US Navy after high school, received schooling that afforded me the opportunity upon discharge to buy a house and continue my education later in life.

I took an oath to my country and fellow Americans to defend our democracy and I now have watched my country slide into tyranny. SB 153 further allows the slide to tyranny by denying each eligible person to vote based on rules meant to take away Americans ability to have a voice in our government.

By requiring ID to EXACTLY match voter information many will lose a voice.

The Ohio SAVE Act SB 153 is designed by those afraid of the people's voice and power. It is a coward's way to gain and keep political power by denying the people's ability to vote in addition to gerrymandering.

Many brown and black people have been terrorized, kidnapped and disappeared by masked government goons. Most of these people had no criminal record, were hard working providing for their families and were targeted for the color of their skin. We are now at the next step.

SB 153 is an additional tool to tyranny eliminating the power of the people to have a say in our government by our individual vote.

Many Americans are scared right now as we should be. Many have lost their jobs standing up for what is right.

I will not let fear silence me. I ask you all find personal courage and please help restore our democracy by voting no on SB 153.

I want future generations to enjoy the freedoms I had, please help return democracy to the people and stop SB 153.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and be heard.