

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 153 for Hearing on October 28, 2025**

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

Thank you for allowing me to submit my written testimony today. My name is Jennifer Ginder, and I am a mom, wife, and communications consultant in Loveland. I am strongly opposed to SB 153 because one citizen denied their right to vote is too many — and this bill would effectively stop thousands of citizens from voting.

After each of the recent elections, we have heard from our Secretary of State that “Ohio is the gold standard nationally in trustworthy and accessible elections.” And now we have the first-ever Public Integrity Division, as well as recent, additional election reforms that even further enhance our election security and accuracy.

**No one in the General Assembly, Secretary of State’s Office, or Attorney General’s office has provided ANY factual evidence that Ohio’s SAVE Act, SB 153, is needed.**

There are already federal laws in place that make it illegal for noncitizens to vote.

Facts matter. And because there is no evidence to support the value of or need for this bill, the only explanation is that its authors’ intent is to scare voters into believing something that is not happening, and to extend the reach of the Trump administrations’ efforts to prevent voters from exercising our constitutional right to vote. In other words, the only way to be confident you can win at the ballot box is by cheating. This conclusion is not new or surprising; it’s consistent with the General Assembly supermajority’s well-known pattern of trying to change the rules to suit their objectives despite Ohio voters’ will.

What’s especially puzzling about this bill is the way in which it will damage the voting power of Ohioans on both sides of the aisle. For example, requiring in-person visits to Boards of Elections to show proof of citizenship when a voter relocates and updates registration adds a layer of bureaucracy and confusion. Requiring married women to show documentation explaining why their last name is different from their birth name when they have already properly registered to vote is ridiculous. And the fact that all of these new and unreasonable requirements will tax our hardworking board of election employees without additional funding — **when there is no evidence to prove they are needed** — is an unfunded mandate that seems clearly intended to make the voting process more difficult and, counter to its authors’ marketing efforts, less efficient.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote *NO* on this anti-democratic, shameful bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Ginder