

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

My name is M. Jennifer Martin Silva and I have lived in Cleveland, Ohio for 30 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am writing to express my opposition to SB 153. There is no need for this harmful and unnecessary bill.

SB 153, like the federal Save Act (and which is also highly unpopular), will make it extremely hard for married women like myself, who have changed their name, to prove our citizenship.

There were ZERO cases of voter fraud in Ohio in the 2024 Presidential election, as reported by Secretary of State Frank LaRose. In the rest of the 2024 elections, there was a 99.9% accuracy rate.

Mr. LaRose says Ohio is the "gold standard" for election integrity. If there is no voter fraud, why would we need this law, which infringes on voter rights here in Ohio?

Kansas passed a similar proof-of-citizenship law a decade ago and it became one of the biggest political fiascos in their state history.

Why would we want the same thing for Ohio? Why would anyone want to go from "gold standard" to "political fiasco"?

The right thing to maintain voter integrity and all voter rights is to vote NO on moving SB 153 forward.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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