

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

My name is Ed George. I am lifelong Ohio resident, living in Cleveland, and am active in local civics and government. I am strongly opposed to SB 153.

Having worked on local elections, signature collection, and within polling locations I see no need for any of the voting or petition provisions currently in SB153. While we all wish for government to be proactive on issues, the items in the bill are restrictions in search of problems that simply do not exist. In Ohio, we have outstanding Boards of Election, and robust rules and regulations already in place. Massive changes to election law pushed through the legislature without deep review by experts and impacted communities are prone to error, creating confusion for voters and the election officials who bear the burden of administration and compliance, escalating risks to election accuracy, and wasting taxpayer dollars. This is exactly what is happening with SB153.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote *NO* on this bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit my testimony into the record.

Thank you,  
Ed George  
Cleveland, Ohio