

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 Lisa Robeson. I am a member of the League of Women Voters and have worked for voter rights in Ohio for the last 30 years. I am strongly opposed to SB 153.

I live in rural county. Banning drop boxes would make it significantly harder for my friends and neighbors to vote. 20% of the people of Allen County Ohio are 65 and older. I heard many complaints when spouses and children could no longer drop off a ballot for an older voter. Now you are asking voters to come physically into the BOE during office hours. The Allen County BOE does not currently have the staff to watch a 24-hour drop box.

The bill also increases the number of ballots that must be considered provisional. Again, this adds a huge amount of paperwork to the BOE's staff and slows the certification process.

Finally, there is no need for this level of security to prevent non-citizens from voting. The last time Sec. LaRose ran a purge of the system, he identified about 13,000 suspicious names to be turned over to Attorney General Yost. Of these, the AG found 6 cases worthy of investigation. One of these voters was dead and one was a student.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote *NO* on this un-American bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

*Lisa Robeson*