

I am Susan Marie Smith from Reynoldsburg, with a story.

A legalistic representative asked Jesus, “Who exactly is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “There was a man going down to Jericho who was robbed and beaten up. Two men walked by, ignoring him. Then an elected official came by, tended his wounds, took him to an inn, and paid for his care. Which of these 3 was a neighbor to the victim?” The Senator answered Jesus, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

SB 293 would mean that voters who followed the rules and got their ballots in on time would be disenfranchised for something out of their control—the speed of our postal system.

We are Ohioans. We supplied this country with **7 presidents**, all Republicans who believed in *conserving* values, fairness, honor, safety, and—envy of the world—*one person, one vote*. Ohioans have *courage*: we put the first man on the moon. We do not bow to intimidation.

Elected colleagues, what is your goal? Would you plant hurdles in the soccer field to cause your sons and daughters to trip up during the big game?

Remember the servant leadership to which Jesus and Isaiah called us. Don’t forget the trust we have placed in you. Remember on whose shoulders you stand. This bill is unfair, dishonorable, and beneath you. We are all neighbors here. Vote no.