

■■ Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee Testimony

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Witness: Katelyn Radic, USPS Federal Employee

Opening Statement:

Good morning, Chair and members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is **Katelyn Radic**, and I am a **federal employee with the United States Postal Service**. I appear before you not only as a public servant but as a citizen who has witnessed, firsthand, how **judicial immunity without accountability has become judicial impunity**.

In my professional role, I understand what integrity and record-keeping mean — every scan, every entry, every signature has to be accurate. If a postal worker alters even a single tracking record, it's a federal offense. Yet in Ohio's courts, I have witnessed **court dockets altered, filings forged, and evidence withheld — all to protect abusers and silence victims**.

I've seen **lawyers exploit vulnerable women**, including sexual-assault survivors, using the system itself as a weapon to retraumatize them. I've seen protective mothers jailed for obeying protection orders. I've seen abusers rewarded through falsified records and judicial bias.

When public trust in the judiciary collapses, so does democracy. **Judicial immunity must come with judicial humility** — because no one, not even a judge, should be above the law. This bill, S.B. 174, is not an attack on judges; it is a safeguard for justice.

We can't call it justice when victims are punished for speaking the truth. We can't call it integrity when the very system sworn to uphold the law bends it behind closed doors. As a federal employee, I am bound to report misconduct. Today, I am doing exactly that — asking this body to restore transparency, oversight, and the dignity every Ohioan deserves in court.

Thank you for your time and for giving survivors and citizens a voice in this process.

Respectfully submitted,

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