



Ohio's "6119" Regional Water & Sewer Districts

Chairman Eklund
Ranking Member Thomas
Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: Support for SB 33

Dear Chairman Eklund, Ranking Member Thomas and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to submit comments today on behalf of the Coalition of Ohio Regional Districts (CORD) in support of SB 33, or the "Ohio Critical Infrastructure Protection Act."

CORD is a non-profit association established to assist, protect, and advance the interests of Ohio's Regional Water and Sewer Districts, also known as "6119 Districts" since they are established under Chapter 6119 of the Ohio Revised Code. 6119 Districts provide potable water, sanitary sewer, and storm water services to over 1 million customers in the State of Ohio.

Sewer and water services are vital to the health and wellness of Ohio's citizens. Any tampering or damage to our members' facilities could have devastating consequences to the communities they serve. SB 33 has been designed in such a way to protect free speech and the ability to peacefully protest, yet appropriately penalize those individuals and organizations choosing to cause damage to critical infrastructure facilities operating in this state.

On behalf of the members of CORD, I would like to thank Senator Hoagland for his work on this important legislation and urge the committee's support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Coalition of Ohio Regional Districts (CORD)
Executive Committee Member