

April 1, 2019

Honorable John Eklund
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Honorable Nathan H Manning
Vice Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Honorable Cecil Thomas
Ranking Minority Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
Honorable Member Senators
Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Senator Eklund,

As a homeowner in Athens, Ohio and a concerned citizen, I am submitting these thoughts as my testimony regarding the referenced Senate Bill 33.

I am very concerned at the attempt to push through this dangerous legislation which acts to infringe upon the free speech of your fellow citizens. The attempt to limit the oral testimony from fellow Ohioans who happen to disagree with you is egregious. This type of tactic is threatening and attempts to thwart the basic rights afforded to all of us by the US Constitution. When this attempt to limit public testimony is brought out into the light of day, you may regret that you thought to proceed in such a totalitarian manner. This is not how Americans work through our disagreements. Fairness and transparency should be the goal of all honorable people, and especially elected leaders in our country.

Respectfully submitted,

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