

Dear Senator,

I am writing this to protest the passage of a bill designed to keep concerned citizens and taxpayers in Ohio from legally protesting and expressing their First Amendment rights to free speech. I find it deplorable that those of you who are elected to office by us taxpayers, no matter which party to whom we may belong, would allow the influence of the oil and gas corporations to dictate not only whether the public has rights of free speech, but that such actions will be deemed a felony. Meanwhile, those massive corporations who pretend to run equitable and honest businesses, spoil our environment and ruin our water supplies!

We have little recourse against these massive industries but to exercise our freedom of speech and perhaps make a difference in our community in that way.

I implore you to do the right thing and to convey to your fellow elected officials the true wishes of constituents when we say that we consider it fraud to take away our rights to protest and our freedom of speech, no matter where such protests should occur.

You will not stop the PEOPLE from exercising their rights. There are too many of us senior citizens who are willing to be arrested rather than lose our freedom. Thousands of us same citizens protested during the 1960s and 1970s against the Vietnam War; it took many years and arrests and lost income, but we eventually brought that war to a close and that presidency to an end. The bitter repercussions continue to this day, when NOW, most of those who were too cowardly to be on the right side of history, admit the entire war was a farce.

Please do the right thing. Do not let your ethics be compromised by big corporate oil and gas. Protect those you've been elected to serve!

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