

SB 33 Testimony
Wednesday, April 24 at 9:00 am
North Hearing Room of the Ohio Senate

I am here to speak on behalf of Ohio's children, nature, and democracy.

I oppose SB 33 for three main reasons:

1. This bill is antidemocratic. The people of Ohio do not want it. How do I know this?

a) because every single human being wants and needs clean water. Common sense tells us that toxins in one part of Ohio will migrate to other areas and that all storage areas will one day erode and leak their poisons into the environment upon which we survive.

b) because the number of testimonies on SB 33 are overwhelmingly against it, so much so that this body has imposed a limit to testimonies.

c) because SB 33 is backed by the gas and oil industry which has no qualms about destroying Ohio in the name of profits.

2. This bill is dishonest.

a) SB 33 is not about critical infrastructure, but about dangerous infrastructure.

b) It portends to protect Ohioans from those evil water protectors when its purpose is to clear an industry's path to do harm to Ohioans.

c) It links water protectors to terrorism. People concerned with ensuring the survival of everyone could never advocate terrorism.

d) SB 33 was is designed by and for huge corporations, not by and for the people.

This bill is completely dishonest.

3. Lastly, the hallmarks of this bill run counter to cornerstone Americans ideas that we as a nation hold sacred. Its clear intent is to criminalize

- a) democracy,
- b) Ohioan's use of the First Amendment, and
- c) the actions of people left with no other moral choice than to than protect the water, air, and soil in our communities and our state.

Every single Ohioan who believes in these same principles ought to work against SB 33 because there is nothing democratic or morale about this bill.

Those are three reason that I bring to your attention today, Now I have one question: Why is SB 33 even a bill?

I cannot fathom why any human being, especially those who have sworn to represent Ohioans, would vote for this bill. I trust that you will support the people, not corporate behemoths who put profits before people.

With Respect,

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