

Please consider this my written testimony for committee meeting on HB152 This bill needs to be written to the benefit of Ohio land owners. Please consider language by Gateway Royalty for our protection.

This bill only addresses legislation going forward. I own mineral interest in the states of West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Both of these states protect their land owners. Ohio does not. I do not know if it is because of a lack of laws or a lack of policing the oil and gas industry. Either way millions of dollars are leaving our state each month. Our Ohio government needs to address this issue. The operators in Ohio are totally taking advantage of this by reducing royalty payments by as much as 99 percent. These are moneys which would stay and be spent in Ohio and not be to the benefit of Texas or Oklahoma. This issue totally exceeds the language in HB152 but it needs addressed by our state government. Please get the proper help and address is problem.