## WITNESS INFORMATION FORM HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE Representative Jamie Callender, Chairman

PLEASE COMPLETE THE WITNESS INFORMATION FORM BEFORE TESTIFYING

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ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELF X ORGANIZATION
Do you wish to testify on legislation (bill number):33 specific issue: _Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and demon- strate subject matter:2nd Amendment
PLEASE INDICATE YOUR POSITION ON THE BILL
PROPONENT: Opponent:X
INTERESTED PARTY:

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS ON WHICH YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE SUCH ENACTMENT:

This bill directly attacks our Constitutional right to engage in non-violent protest. It criminalizes, at a severe felony level, peaceful demonstrations held at "critical infrastructure facilities": a wide-ranging list of settings which include oil and gas sites, fracking wells, petrochemical plants, pipelines and other places that destroy the environment and put

our children's health at risk. It is a politically driven, unconstitutional instrument, intended to deny Ohio citizens' our First Amendment rights and to curtail the open debate so necessary to a true democracy.

WILL YOU HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT, VISUAL AIDS, OR OTHER MATERIAL TO DISTRIBUTE? Yes\_\_\_\_NO\_X\_\_\_\_ (IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES TO THE CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY)

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOUR TESTIMONY REQUIRE? \_\_\_I CANNOT BE PRESENT, SO ONLY AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO READ AND INCLUDE THE ABOVE STATEMENT IN THE REC-ORD.\_\_\_\_\_