

Opponent Testimony by Steffanie Sanchez on Senate Bill 158  
Government Oversight Committee  
October 10th, 2023

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to present opponent testimony on SB 158. My name is Steffanie Sanchez and I am writing to oppose the passage of Senate Bill 158.

Cleveland voters deserve their right to vote on Issue 38 in November. Just like Clevelanders, voters in every municipality in Ohio deserve the opportunity to vote on local, citizen-led ballot initiatives. SB 158 infringes on that right.

If majority of voters want to require their city to use participatory budgeting for 2% of the city budget, don't invalidate their votes via frivolous, brazen, and undemocratic bills such as SB 158. Participatory budgeting is a fair way to ensure tax payers have a say in how their tax dollars are spent. I SUPPORT ISSUE 38 and unequivocally REJECT SB 158.

Sincerely,

- Steffanie Sanchez