

To: Senator Andrew O. Brennan
Ohio Senate Education Committee Chair

My name is Mary Anne Simpson and I am a voter. I am here representing my interest as a voter. Last November I voted for a representative to the State Board of Education to represent District 10 which includes my part of Cleveland Heights. I took into account the responsibilities this person was to perform and made my choice accordingly. I was happy to see Tom Jackson was elected because I felt he would further my interest in making sure our public schools are creating great opportunities for our students. I find it distressing that the very first bill you are taking up, SB1 is a bill to disenfranchise my vote. I take voting seriously, study the issues, and try to find the candidate that most represents my views. Now, I find that you are considering taking away those responsibilities and making them political appointees of the governor. Just what is the point of voting then if you can just change things by abusing the power of republican majority to negate the will of the voters ? I object.

Please accept my testimony
Mary Anne Simpson