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Chairman Rulli, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member DeMora, and members  
of the General Government Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony. My name is Jeffrey Jolliffe. I was born in Columbus, earned my Bachelor's degree from OSU, my Masters in Business Administration from OSU, and have lived and worked in Columbus Ohio all my life. I am writing you as a concerned voter, strongly opposed to SB 137.

SB 137 is in violation of Home Rule, which would undermine local governments authority to enact changes according to their communities needs – a right granted to them in the Ohio Constitution. Further, SB 137 would deny voters their ability to decide their appetite for ranked choice voting themselves.

Personally, I would like ranked choice voting in Ohio, because it enables democracy at its best: it allows voters to more accurately vote their preferences by ranking their choices in order, rather than fearing a thrown away vote, and ultimately therein a lack of true choice.

I urge you to vote No on SB 137 and allow Ohioans to decide on ranked choice voting themselves. Thank you again for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Jolliffe