

Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Sean Martin. I am a lifelong Ohioan who advocates for fairness, justice and respect in all levels of government. I am strongly opposed to HB 1.

Democrats have found a way to nominate Biden virtually, before the deadline, which eliminates the need for this legislation. When you remove that issue from the bill, there is nothing left but “pork” for the Republican Party. It is not a compromise and it goes against the promise that the Republicans made for a “clean bill.” Alabama was able to put Biden on the ballot with a clean bill ... So why can't Ohio do the same?

It is well known that Senate President Matt Huffman will be running for the House of Representatives in his next election, and he will go after the House Speaker position. So, the optics of this legislation is that it is a proxy fight between the current Senate President and the current Speaker of the House. When politicians needlessly power-grab, the people of Ohio lose.

This legislation will also give too much power to the Attorney General's office and take it away from local county prosecutors. As most of you are Republicans, I am hoping that you will sympathize with the fear of big government in leu of local control. For my entire life, that is one common opinion I've had with the Republican party. Please do not take away local control from the people of Ohio.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this *undemocratic, unnecessary and dangerous* bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

If you have any questions, my contact info is included on the attached witness slip.

Sincerely,  
Sean Martin