

Ohio House Government Oversight Committee
Committee Chair Bob Peterson

Opposition Testimony for HB 1

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Committee Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. My name is Ann Shroyer, resident of the state of Ohio, currently in the 61st district, but soon to be in House District 60 - though I have not moved, just the legislative districts moving and reshaping around my home.

I am here to oppose HB 1. This bill has no business being heard in committee. I can think of so many more important bills that should have hearings with citizen testimony, and yet this bill, whose only purpose is to take away the rights of myself and my fellow voters in Ohio is here in committee.

This bill takes power from county prosecutors and concentrates it in the hands of one man, The State Attorney General and gives discretion to "investigate" citizen led ballot initiatives. It will make it even more difficult if not impossible to pass citizen led ballot initiatives under such frivolous investigations.

This bill is just another attack on Democracy in Ohio and an attempt to take away power from the citizens of Ohio. Please do not vote for this bill. Vote NO. Do not move it out of committee. How can this committee feign concern for the integrity of elections when it does not even follow the basic rules of announcing committee hearings with enough notice for voters to submit testimony.

Please vote NO on this dangerous, undemocratic and unAmerican bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Thank you.