

I just learned that the deadline for opposing views in writing about [Ohio Senate Bill 33](#), the anti-protest, anti-First Amendment, free-speech-chilling bill is due on Tuesday at 9:15 a.m and that a hearing on Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. will allow only five opponents to present oral testimony. Short notice and limits to opposing views is hardly how we ensure democracy, is it?

I am writing tonight to oppose this bill to all members, including you, of the Senate Judiciary Committee to state that I oppose this dangerous legislation. It's a horror that opponent testimony is being limited, which is never the case for proponent testimony. The actions in question—trespassing, vandalism—are already covered by existing laws. Clearly, the aim of the bills is to intimidate protesters who draw attention to their concerns through civil disobedience, including minor infractions like blocking the gates of construction sites. Such protests are part of a long tradition of American civil disobedience dating back to the Boston Tea Party....This bill and others like it, have potential to chill free speech and curtail activism.

As a citizen who has voted in every election since I turned 18, I demand that this bill is not passed and is seen as unconstitutional.

Thank you.

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