

Chairman Bacon, Ranking Minority Member Thomas, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. I am testifying in opposition to SUB SENATE BILL 250.

My name is Felicia Mettler. I am a resident of Athens County Ohio. I am here today to strongly oppose SB 250.

This bill as a whole is designed to intimidate thousands of good law-abiding citizens from using the only defense they have against an industry that cares nothing about our land, air, water, and above all, the health and welfare of American citizens and the Freedom of speech. Protesting. Uniting together in large numbers with one message.

Protests have played major rolls in our civil, political, and economic history of America. These key points in American history is widely taught threw out every school system in the United States. Example, The Boston Tea Party. America's most famous protest. Both sides of each party held some of our most famous historians. Benedict Arnold, Paul Revere, George Washington.

The United Nations

Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the general assembly of the united nations December 10, 1948

this International document that states basic rights and fundamental freedoms to which all human beings are entitled.

International Covenant on civil and Political Rights

article 19.

1. Everyone shall have the right to hold opinions without interference.
2. Everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of his choice.

Article 21

1. The right of peaceful assembly shall be recognized. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right other than those imposed in conformity

with are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security or public safety, p;public order, the protection of public health or morals or the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.

To clarify:

The States Parties to the present covenant states in paragraph 3 of the Preamble:

Recognizing that, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of human Rights, the ideal of free human beings enjoying civil and political freedom and freedom from fear and want can only be achieved if conditions are created whereby everyone may enjoy his civil and political rights, as well as his economic, social and cultural rights

We are taught at a very young age to “Stand up for what we believe in”. I wonder if your impressionable young children in your household were to be taught instead that it's “OKAY” to stand up for yourself, your family and your beliefs; but only inside your mind. SB 250 leads our children to believe that they do not have those rights.

I am a mother of three beautiful children. It is my job as a provider and care giver to equip them with the necessary tool to be confident and to be leaders for they will be making the decisions for this great nation. It is imperative our children have their own thoughts and speak on their own accord rather than be silent and only think what they are told to think order for our nation to continue to grow and learn, they have to have a voice, as do we.

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