

Greetings, Senator Eklund.

I'm writing today to urge the Senate Judiciary Committee not to limit the oral testimony coming from opponents of Ohio Senate Bill 33, and to hear the voices of concerned Ohio citizens who view civil disobedience and free speech as not only the heart of our national identity, but also in the case of practicing Christians like myself, as the heart of Jesus' life example.

The fact that protest around frac-ing is mentioned in this bill is also disheartening, as I'm sure you can understand how concerned citizens like myself would like to know exactly what chemicals are used and stored in the frac-ing process, among many other questions being raised about the longterm effects of the industry, especially when it is clearer than ever that clean energy is what is needed in our region and larger world to protect our land, wellbeing, and health. I live in a county (Athens County) receiving thousands and thousands of barrels of brine waste per day from many different states, and I feel the very least we Southeastern Ohioans deserve is answers to this question.

As a Christian concerned for God's creation and future generations, and who believes in the life example of Jesus who used civil disobedience as the main way to interact with those in power, I urge you to let opposition to this bill be heard in full.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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