



Ohio Environmental Council
[Action Fund]

December 7, 2022

To: Members of the Ohio Senate
From: Pete Bucher, Interim President, Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund
Re: Sub. House Bill 458

Dear Honorable Senator,

I am writing to inform you that the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC) Action Fund will be scoring Sub. HB 458 for the purposes of our Legislative Scorecard for the 134th Ohio General Assembly. **We urge a NO vote on Sub. House Bill 458.** To the extent Sub. HB 458 passes, the OEC Action Fund will be doing extensive public education on the content and the votes on this legislation due to its detrimental impact to Ohio's democracy and its subsequent indirect impact to Ohio's environment and the health of Ohioans.

We oppose any legislation designed to make it more difficult to vote in Ohio. For many decades, Ohioans have had the right to utilize alternative forms of identification, such as a utility bill or bank statement, to demonstrate their identity when they cast their vote at the polls. We see no reason for this to change.

Modifying HB 458 to include provisions regarding voter ID laws and other election administration considerations that make it harder for Ohioans to vote make the bill, as a whole, bad for Ohio's democracy and for Ohio's environment. **We should be making it easier for people to vote, rather than creating additional barriers.**

For these reasons and more, **we urge a NO vote on Sub. HB 458.**

If you have any questions, please direct them to me, Pete Bucher at pbucher@theoec.org.

Sincerely,

Pete Bucher
President
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