

Intergovernmental Relations Committee on 2022-01-20 10:00 AM - VIRTUAL MEETING

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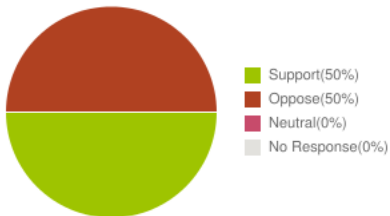
eComments Report

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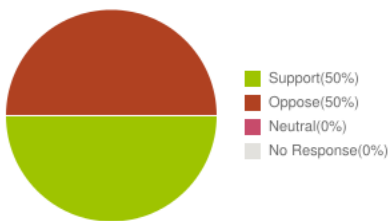
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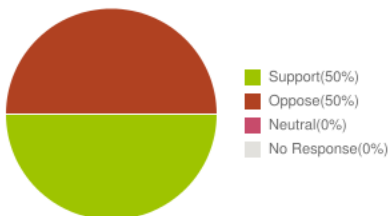
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Overall Sentiment



Erica Steib

Location:

Submitted At: 10:02am 01-20-22

This bill is a direct attack on our constitutional right to free speech and peaceful assembly. I am appalled that this dystopian, fascist bill is proposed at all. If passed, this bill would only encourage police brutality and unnecessary criminalization while intimidating the general public from exercising their constitutional right to free speech. I have no doubt that this would be unevenly enforced on Black, Brown, and Indigenous people, or anybody speaking out against the violence of the state. Peaceful protest is not a crime! How absurd to criminalize an entire group for the actions of a few!

Alan Schultz

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25am 01-20-22

My name is Alan Schultz, I'm a life long county and state resident, I'm also a frequent participant, organizer, and supporter in/of many protests and demonstrations, this is an absurd resolution and I'd like to put forth my position in opposition to it.

Calling for more crack downs upon people assembling to levy their concerns against an unaccountable government is precisely what our federal constitution is supposed to protect. To limit the right to publicly assemble in the face of obscene state violence is nothing more than a means to further repress a community with sincere concerns about the way their government operates. This will be yet one more example of how our government demonstrates overt biases against the general public by routinely choosing to penalize the public while simultaneously protecting abuses within its own systems, institutions, and ranks in the same stroke. If the local government was interested in public safety and health it would be calling for more accountability and transparency from actors its legal institutions rather than trying to penalize people with gripes against it.

This reads like nothing more than an expansion of parameters on gang injunction laws where the police like to accost residents in groups of 3 or more whom are just strolling in a park or walking to a corner store. Does the county and state want to increase the potential to get dragged into another Department of Justice investigation like MPD was recently dealing with for the racial profiling in stops and searches? Has the government learned nothing post the protests of George Floyd or would it like to repeat the same mistakes it has been for the last few decades and maintain similar levels of violence and imprisonment that are damaging the social fabric of the entire county, state, and nation?

Do not continue to support the criminalization of protests and the strangling of the public's voice, especially when it is being wielded against the very officers and agents who would use this law to repress them and further drown them out.

AMANDA SWAN

Location:

Submitted At: 8:50am 01-20-22

I firmly support the resolution opposing Wisconsin Assembly Bill 279 and its companion Senate Bill 296. The First Amendment guarantees the right of citizens to assemble peacefully and to petition their government.

Peter Schwartz

Location:

Submitted At: 8:41am 01-20-22

The bills proposed will curtail rights and freedoms established within the US Constitution -1st amendment protected activities. The language in the bills are too vague and broad. The language in the bill opens up for abuse by the authority having jurisdiction to "use their discretion" to quell constitutionally protected lawful, peaceful assemblies that may have been infiltrated by a person whom is committing unlawful acts under a false flag. There are countless times in which law enforcement, have infiltrated protests, ie. COINTELPRO, to disrupt, spread disinformation, and commit illegal acts to discredit the protest. With all the surveillance in our society, it is easy to identify bad actors and hold that person or individuals responsible for their actions. -Peter Schwartz Milwaukee 53207

Alex Larson

Location:

Submitted At: 8:20am 01-20-22

Wisconsin Assembly Bill 279 and its companion Senate Bill 296 are a reactionary partisan attempt to stifle the first amendment freedom of assembly rights to those that protest against police-driven injustice and in defense of Black and Brown lives.

I support this resolution. The County Board of Supervisors must LOUDLY oppose these bills being pushed by those in the State legislature.

Liza Herbst

Location:

Submitted At: 7:43am 01-20-22

This is an absurd proposal that seeks to limit freedom of speech and will discourage people from protesting unjust laws.