

Honorable Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly  
and the members of the State and Local Government Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
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Chairman Wiggam and the members of the State and Local Government Committee

I am writing you today in support of H.B. No. 671. As a business owner of 33 Pizza Hut Restaurants, several in small towns in southern and eastern Ohio I have found the current management the COVID 19 pandemic to overly burdensome. The initial reaction and guidelines to “flatten the curve” made sense given the lack of knowledge of the virus. Once the medical infrastructure was secured to handle the predicted “surge” they became onerous. The continual addition of weeks to the initial Orders were devastating to our economy, especially since there was no surge in southeastern Ohio. Once Hospitals started furloughing staff and people became afraid to seek medical attention it became apparent that some sort of oversight is needed. Even now, the restrictions are stifling restoring sense of normalcy to both lives and the economy.

I believe H.B. No. 671 is a reasonable and measured solution to the dilemma which Ohio now faces, the rebuilding of the economy. The core of our system of government is the three equal branches, none more powerful than the other. When one branch wields such immense power as to lock down its citizens and economy for months without any oversight it is time for change. This Bill moves towards a more reasonable avenue to manage emergency situations similar to these going forward without hampering the Ohio Department of Health from doing their jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Hudson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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