

Chairman Wiggam, Vice-chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly and Honorable Members of the Ohio Houses State and Local Government Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on House Bill 624 today.

On March 12th, Amy Acton and Mike DeWine stood in front of Ohio citizens and informed us that at the peak of the coronavirus pandemic, there would be 10,000 new cases per day. This did not happen and the actual numbers came in drastically under that. Dr. Acton has repeatedly painted a very unclear picture of the number of active cases in the state, where those cases are occurring and the death rate leaving thousands of Ohioans very confused about the true level of risk of covid-19.

This is simply one example of why transparency in data is needed. I urge this committee to vote yes on HB624.

Sincerely,  
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