

To Chairman Wiggam, Vice-Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly
and Honorable Members of the Ohio House State and Local Government
Committee

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of HB 624. As an Ohioan, I have been very concerned over the lack of transparency and accountability from the Ohio Health Department regarding the covid19 infection rate, testing results, and recovery rates. I have watched the governor's press conferences from the beginning of the covid19 pandemic and have disappointed with lack of data and willingness to answer questions requesting data concerning covid19 infections. The justification for the closures and subsequently painfully slow opening of our great state of Ohio have been based on undisclosed or convoluted data. Ohioans deserve to be fully informed, and the withholding of pertinent covid19 data during a pandemic is bad faith. HB 624 will prevent the ODH from withholding covid 19 data, particularly the reporting of the patients treated and released from the hospital, the number of patients who have not required medical care, the number of cases and deaths outside of the nursing homes and prisons, and the recovery rate for covid19 infections.

I strongly urge you to vote "yes" on HB 624.