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**Written (Proponent) Testimony in regards to HB 624 presented to the State and Local Government Committee of the Ohio House -133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly - Ravi Kulasekere PhD, ND, BCHHP**

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee, I thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony **supporting** HB 624. A bill to require the reporting and release of certain COVID-19 testing and related information and to declare an emergency.

My name is Dr Ravi Kulasekere, a practicing board certified doctor of traditional naturopathy and a PhD medical physicist by training with over a dozen years working in the field of cancer care. I am writing to express my support to HB 624.

As a concerned Ohio citizen, holistic health practitioner and a scientist, I have been carefully monitoring the data and trends from the COVID-19 disease both here at home and globally since early March. What I have observed with the data reporting in Ohio is nothing short of scientific fraud. What we have been told is much less than what we have not been told or not had easy access. At the same time many draconian policy decisions were made by the Director of the ODH as well as the Governor based on the data subset which would have made no sense to anyone if all of the data were to be divulged as time progressed.

The closure of all businesses, schools, shut down of hospital procedures, forcing people to distance themselves and wear masks were all based on poorly reported data and also horribly wrong models. If this data was available to the public then we could have challenged these decisions rightfully to prevent the stressful situations that many have experienced as a result. HB 624 is simply a common sense bill and one that should have been the standard for data reporting for COVID-19 as well as testing from the very onset. It deeply disturbs me as a citizen of Ohio that a few individuals were able to shut down and entire state for over 10 weeks now without properly divulging to the public and especially those seeking, the data that these decisions were based on. I therefore urge you to vote YES on HB 624 and bring back legitimacy and transparency to our health data reporting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Respectfully,



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