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

Subject: House Bill No. 624 Supporting Remarks

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee, I want to thank you for your consideration of these remarks as you contemplate moving H. B. No. 624 forward.

As it has come to the attention of myself and many other Citizens of Ohio, not only have we the people not been able to garner factual data regarding the present Covid-19 flu outbreak, various legislators are (either in person or social media) expressing their inability to receive data and respective information that facilitates good governance.

It is understood in the general public that the Governor and Health Director have unfettered decision making power in respect to emergencies potentially affecting all Citizens in Ohio. Yet, this Republic is designed to have Checks and Balances. Those elected to the State Legislature are directly accountable in their representation to the Citizenry and should have the capacity to acquire any and all data or information from the Administrative bureaucracy which ensures that those Checks and Balances are exercised.

At this this juncture in the 'flattened curve' of this serious flu, the bureaucratic mandates from the Administration are not substantiated with a full view of all data points sufficient for Legislative oversight.

The complexity of gathering and disseminating data on this particular flu should be no different than all other historically significant flu's that are now tracked. But, without the full range of data on Covid-19 properly reported, assessed and disseminated to the legislature and the public, fear driven directives are the present bureaucratic norm.

Without going into the rational of statistical math and the flaws of assumptive modeling, this bill is a rational approach to legislative oversight for the purpose of good governance.

As is clear by the destruction of the economy and liberties of the Citizenry in Ohio, this Bill will not only garner a broader scope of data, it will ensure that the data is not commingled and thereby skewing the results such that poor decision-making institutes egregious policy with mandates.

I respectfully request that as the members consider H. B. 624 that they keep in mind that the Administrative bureaucracies must have oversight and accountability to the Citizenry via you, our elected. The expectation of this legislation is: factual data covering all data points without being skewed by commingling so that good governance can be applied by wise policy without sever consequences to the Liberties of Ohio's Citizens or the economy of the State.

Respectfully,



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