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Senate Judiciary Committee  
Ohio Senate Building  
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Chairman Eklund, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

We are living through difficult times and the COVID-19 pandemic has brought out the best and unfortunately, the worst of us. Beefing up consumer protections to ensure that the Ohio Attorney General can address panic buying and price gouging is necessary. I urge you to support Senate Bill 301.

Founded in 1970, Common Cause Ohio has 27,186 members all over Ohio and we are committed to creating open, honest, and accountable government that serves the public interest. Government has a singular role during times of crisis and strong, clear consumer protections benefit us all.

It is time for Ohio to join other states by establish a statute that directly addressing price gouging and to expand the Attorney General authority to investigate excessive price increases after an emergency is declared.

We all need to come together but fear and uncertainty has led to excessive purchases leaving some shelves of needed supplies empty. SB 301 allows the Attorney General during times like this to issue a written directive establishing per-consumer, per-transaction limitations on the sale of important consumer goods.

Thank you for considering Senate Bill 301 and I urge you to pass the bill.

Sincerely,  
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