

Testimony of Laurel Ljubi
Ohio House State and Local Government Committee
Re: HB624
Proponent Testimony
Date: June 2, 2020

Chairman Wiggam, Ranking Member Kelly, and Distinguished Members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to give proponent testimony for HB624 pertaining to reporting and releasing certain COVID-19 data. In a time of such uncertainty and economic disruption, it is important that the State addresses the certain inadequacies in the current reporting of COVID-19 data, in order to be transparent and paint a clear picture to the public.

As we have seen during the past few months, certain information is important and is missing when reporting COVID-19 data. Information relating to nursing homes/assisted living facilities, whether Covid-19 was the sole contributor to the person's death, or if the death resulted from another complication, the daily number of deaths are all important statistics that should be easily displayed and available to the public.

I hope the committee understands that this type of information is necessary and helpful for policy makers and the public to make educated decisions that can impact all Ohioan's health and financial well being. Being part of a family that has been adversely affected financially by the measures implemented to combat the spread of COVID-19, I thank you for considering my testimony.

Laurel Ljubi