

I am testifying in favor of SB311. It is time to allow our elected representatives to do their jobs rather than have our Governor side-step them and act as a dictator when it comes to setting mandates that affect every person's life, from birth through death, in the state of Ohio.

Our governor is using his power to sway state run entities to set mandates such as ODH, ODE, Ohio Liquor board/commission, Ohio Pharmacy board, etc. and most recently telling private businesses to police them according to mandate data which is not accurate. The state of Ohio will not allow review of the data and details of the Covid Emergency in Ohio as requested through the Ohio Stand Up Lawsuit which is ongoing in Ohio. The State of Ohio knows that ORC119.03g1 only allows a state of emergency to last 120 days, which can not be reissued even if altered without going through the regular rule review making process. For the rule review process the state would need to disclose facts and science behind the rule, make it public and allow public comment. Ohio will not release the details of the data it has used, what is there to hide? Thus, the lawsuit proceeds!

DeWine is a poor manager of Ohio. Example: since Acton left, DeWine has not been able to replace a Director of Ohio Department of Health with acceptable background/education. He announced a replacement that only lasted hours, if she even ever accepted the job-which is in dispute. Most recently he has hired a director that has NO medical background, where is the common sense of that?

Bill's sit in Ohio House and Senate that would re-establish the process of setting mandates/bills through legislature rather than through one elected governor. DeWine has proven his incapability to manage and appropriately hire a team, that he is relying on, to make decisions which will affect every person in Ohio. Our economy in Ohio is suffering, people's lives are being affected due to a virus which is over 90% survivable according to the CDC. Business all over Ohio either have shut down, are barely hanging on, or planning to shut down with the poor management of our Governor. We need SB311 to move forward and pass.