

I am testifying in favor of SB311. It is time to our elected representatives do their jobs rather than allowing our Governor the unlimited power to act as a dictator, issuing mandates that affect every Ohioan, from birth through death. As a Hospice nurse I see first hand how detrimental these mandates are to our elderly and their families.

Governor DeWine is using his power to set mandates such as Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Education, 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? The data encompasses too many allowances for the diagnosis of "COVID related" . It is very deceiving, what constitutes COVID related? Why are we not tracking Influenza cases? are they all considered "COVID related" because anyone with a fever or cough or and other symptom can be COVID related?

DeWine is an ineffective manager for Ohio. He needs the assistance of all elected officials in decision making for this state. This Pandemic is beyond a one man show, we need all elected officials making decisions for all Ohioans. DeWine has been trough three directors for the Ohio Department of Health, with multiple failures, none with acceptable background, education. or experience.

This proposed Bill sits 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 inability to manage and appropriately hire a team, to make decisions which will affect every Ohioian. 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.

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