

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee:

I am testifying in favor of SB 311 today as an Ohio resident deeply concerned about courses of action being taken under the current emergency powers of Mike DeWine and the dire effects it is having on all of us.

I have seen the effects that the Coronavirus has had on people. And I am more concerned about what it is doing mentally to people rather than physically. I myself, have fallen into a very bad place mentally. Just ask around, you will find out very quickly how hard this has been on people. The effects of business closures, business adjustments, church closures, suicides, drug overdoses, and mask mandates are far worse than a virus with a 98% success rate.

Please lift the mask mandates! Do you know how hard it is to be judged and looked at like you're Satan himself when you're just trying to purchase food to feed your one year old baby? Do you know how hard it is to not go anywhere with my family because of the backlash we may encounter because we don't wear masks? Do you know that I've wondered if this life was even worth living any longer? I pray I will no longer be scared that someone may physically harm me or my son. It's hard enough to be different. It's hard enough to go against the grain. But, when you're doing it and everyone thinks you're selfish because, ya know, "just be kind and wear the mask" it makes the smallest task even more difficult.

I will not comply with the on going infringement of our constitutional rights. Little by little we are allowing our freedoms to be stripped away. This mother will never stand for tyranny. The Ohio people are demanding full restoration of Ohio and that these mask mandates be lifted! In America, we should never be forced to have medical decisions made for us without consent.

SB 311 restores the balance of power to where it should be, between the three COEQUAL branches of government and RE-OPENS Ohio.

Our businesses, our economy, our social and emotional well-being and the future of our children is on the line. Our state cannot thrive under the continued oppressive orders of our over-reaching Governor.

Please stand up and protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on SB 311!

Thank you,  
Amanda Johnson