

November 17, 2020

SB311 Proponent Testimony

To the Members of the Ohio House of Representatives,

I am an American citizen and a tax-paying, voting resident of Ohio. I think the Governor of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Health have been violating our rights as Americans and Ohioans with their quarantine orders over the past several months. I support SB311 as one measure to begin recovering Ohioans' constitutional freedoms.

I have seen with my own eyes that these orders have had devastating effects on Ohioans. Because of these orders, I along with family members and neighbors have not availed ourselves of regular medical examinations critical to preventative care. Because of these orders, I've seen businesses close permanently; music and the arts have all but disappeared from the local scene. I have seen orders being imposed with no evident scientific rationale, the effect of which is to teach our citizens to obey orders because they are orders and not to expect reasons behind those orders. This is tyranny teaching Ohioans to be slaves. These same irrational orders have set neighbor against neighbor and sown confusion and division in my community and throughout the state.

I urge you to pass SB311 as one step toward returning self-government—as established in the U.S. Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Ohio—to Ohioans.

Thank you,

Christopher Flannery