

“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 actions being taken during the current national emergency.

We cannot allow one man, or any un-elected state department official(s), ongoing power to dictate to the citizens of this state where they can go, when they can go there, who they can spend time with, what actions they can do while there, and what they must wear. As a citizen of this state, I only consent to short-term emergency authorizations and all other powers **MUST** remain with our **ELECTED** officials.

This bill 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. Children **ARE DYING**: suicide and substance abuse is on the rise. Depression abounds. Businesses are hurting. Our state cannot thrive under the continued oppressive orders of our over-reaching Governor.

Finally, allowing these powers in the hands of one person, without checks and balances, is currently leaving us with wholly unacceptable and unconstitutional constraints on our liberty. Our country was founded upon the idea of checks and balances to protect its citizens.

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

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Cynthia L. Duncan