

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 and the dire effects it is having on all of us.

- Both of my adult children lost their full-time jobs due to the shut down this past spring. My husband fears his job will be next, as there is now no work due delays in production due to the spring shutdown.
- Businesses in my community have closed permanently.
- People in my community have committed suicide.
- I am worried about the mental health of several of my family members due to depression. They cannot handle any more stress from the constantly moving goalposts, weekly threats and berating from the governor, and general atmosphere of public life where safety is now a concern. Not safety regarding catching the virus, but because of arguments between strangers breaking out regarding Covid philosophy.

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.

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