

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony for the hearing on SB311.

I write to you as a lifelong Ohio resident, parent of two children, and small business owner. I support this bill because I have been adversely affected by the shutdowns in many ways. My small business has been significantly impacted, between customers unable to leave their homes, and losing their jobs and income.

My two children are being denied a proper education, with no end in sight. I have relatives who have been in hospitals, unable to have family there to support and advocate for them, this is beyond the pale. Everyone knows that having family and loved ones to advocate for you in the hospital influences patient outcomes and provides transparency to their care, as well as gives important information to the staff. I have an uncle who died alone in a nursing home, unable to be with his wife of 50 years, this is unacceptable.

I implore you to support SB311.