

Michele Miller 11/18/2020 H.B. 311 Written Proponent Testimony HB311 Hello Chairman Wiggam, Vice-Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly and honorable members of the State and Local Government Committee. My name is Michele Miller and I am providing testimony as a concerned citizen on HB311. We need the balance of power to be restored. Our government has always been balanced by the three COEQUAL branches. As it stands, only one branch of our government is making decisions for the whole of our state. These decisions have no and/or very little science to back some of these mandates. For example, the current mandate of the curfew from 10pm to 6am. Does the Covid virus only come out at night? Why is dancing prohibited? Where is the science behind that? I could go on and on with different example from our state and others. First it was two weeks to prep the hospitals for the influx of patients that we expected. We complied. Then the governor needed a little more time. We complied. Now it is eight months. We were told in July that if we wore the masks, we could get a hold of the spread. It is now over three months later and according to the governor; the cases are rising. Instead of changing course, DeWine is doubling down on something that is obviously not working. The average person can see this. We are neither stupid nor blind. So, at this point we must ask why? If he is not changing course or admitting that what was suggested is not working, why does he keep doubling down. We know what this is about. Power. Our governor is drunk on power and not about the health of people. If he was concerned about the health of Ohioans, he would be talking about the best ways of increasing one's health, like good food, exercise and good quality sleep that prevent the comorbidities that seem to increase a person's chances of getting Covid. My own family has been affected by these orders in a negative way. My children have suffered from the stress and anxiety of these lockdowns. My oldest has had breakdowns, crying to see his friends from his former school. I made the decision to homeschool because I do not agree with the mandates from the school that required him to follow in order to get an education. We are doing a disservice to our children, making them scared of a virus that has a 99% survival rate and removing them from socializing which goes against the human nature. How many of our children are suffering from depression and or having thoughts of suicide? Do their lives not matter? I ask this assembly to uphold the US Constitution and Ohio Constitution. You are elected by us to serve. I strongly urge you to pass SB 311. Sincerely, Michele Miller