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Dear Chairman Wiggam and Members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee,

Our family business, Trillium Creek Dermatology and Surgery, employs a little over 80 employees. In addition to Trillium Creek Dermatology and Surgery, we also own H&H Science, and combined we employ over 90 employees.

The current implemented policies have greatly impacted our business and our employees. The constant obstacles we face include, but are not limited to, the following: decrease in patient load, inability to hire new employees and keep current employees (due to the increase in unemployment benefits, lack of daycare availability and/or schools closing, and staff members being required to quarantine), negative morale and attitude of both employees and patients, pharmaceutical representatives not being able to come to the office and, therefore, we are not kept up to date on all the changes in medications, overworked staff due to other employees being in quarantine and difficulties in hiring, not being able to purchase all the necessary items we need to run the office (not being able to find PPE/cost of PPE, medical equipment and supplies being on backorder or unavailable), etc.

These are a few reasons we fully support SB311. This bill would ensure that our elected legislators are actively involved in maintaining checks and balances at every level. This is important not only in navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic, but to also protect each Ohioan from further overreach in policies set forth by those officials in the Ohio Department of Health.

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The cure cannot be worse than the illness.
Sincerely,
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