

Good morning. I am writing to let my legislators know that I would like my legislator to pass SB 311 to restore legal boundaries for healthcare in Ohio.

I have lost a long term assignment at a school, that I loved, due to the mandates set forth by the governor and the ODH. There are exemptions in the orders, as well as the school's policy, however, they are scared to allow these exemptions to be followed. I was attacked by the principal for wanting to follow the exemption. I provided proof of the exemption and that it applied to me, as well as the entire special education hallway, but as soon as I provided this proof, I was let go. I now do not have a guaranteed income for the rest of the school year, and if SB 311 does not pass, I will not be guaranteed employment at all because the governor and ODH might decide to close our state and schools all over again. I want to work. I want to work in a normal environment. I want to know that I can provide my kids with the life they deserve, and with the holidays being close, I want to ensure I can provide them with the holidays they deserve. We want to live, truly live! I'm not sick, yet I'm being forced to reduce my oxygen intake because some people think it's too dangerous to breathe freely. My dad died when I was 14 and he was 37. He lost the ability to breathe within three seconds of his car being struck. The paramedics tried to pump air into his lungs for a long period of time. Why did they do this? Because oxygen is something we need to live. These mandates are forcing us to limit our oxygen, all because someone thinks it's too dangerous to breathe freely over a virus with a 99% survival rate.

I have seen children being mentally and emotionally tortured by these mandates. I was speaking with two students yesterday and they are beyond frustrated by having to wear a mask to school for eight hours a day, and by not being allowed to sit near their friends throughout the day. One of the students was shocked when I allowed her to have a mask break during her study hall. She couldn't believe I was allowing her to pull her mask down and breathe for a few minutes. This tells me that schools aren't even following the order fully because students clearly aren't being allowed mask breaks during the day. We need to stop this now. Kids should be able to have the same school days as we did when we were in school.

SB 311 needs to pass. We need our state to return to the REAL normal and we need our governor and the ODH to be forced to follow the constitution and laws. They have not, and continue to prove they will not.

Please pass SB 311. The governor's overreach needs to end.

Thank you,
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