

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee:

I am testifying today in favor of SB 311. As an Ohio resident, I'm deeply concerned about the current emergency powers that Dewine is operating under. He seems to think he can do anything to the people of Ohio as though he were a king. We need this bill to restore the balance of power. The power belongs to the people and we elect our representatives to serve us in that capacity. There is no emergency. This virus has a 99%+ survivability. These lockdowns, curfews, and slowdowns only hurt individuals and businesses. As a small business owner, I can attest to the fact that people are fed up with these infringements on our constitutional rights. As a business owner, we see how he can damage business with his fear mongering. Ohioans are attacking Ohioans with disabilities who cannot wear masks. People are going without medical care out of fear. Children are being psychologically damaged. As a mother, my heart breaks, not only for the pain my children are currently experiencing but for the way they see their government is unjust and does not live up to the principles in our founding documents. Will they have any liberties in the future?

Please take the power of the people back and stand up for our liberties and the constitution of the United States of America by voting YES on SB 311!

Thank you,
Karen Wirtz