

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

Hello, my name is Kelly Boland and I am testifying in favor of SB 311 today as an Ohio citizen, residing in Geauga County. The effects of these oppressive orders and actions are devastating our communities. As an advanced practice nurse in the clinical setting, I am seeing first-hand the impact on all age groups. My patients are scared (not of the virus), many having serious health problems stemming from the actions/reactions by the health director and our Governor. Almost all of them are on anti-anxiety and anti-depression medication, there is uncontrolled hypertension, spontaneous crying, chest pain, and much more. The suicide rates have also been increasing (three in my community alone). Sadly, it is the children who are suffering the most. Their social and emotional well-being is at stake. The people cannot survive much longer with these measures before major impacts are seen. We need to take EVERYONE'S health and wellness into account before making drastic mandates and orders. There are thousands of doctors and scientists who do not agree with oppressive orders. They deserve to be heard and their knowledge and research taken into account when looking at how to handle this viral outbreak. The fact still remains that 99.9% of the population will survive and recover from this virus. The response is NO WAY matches the statistics.

I am asking you to please stand up and protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on SB 311!

Thank you for your time,  
Kelly Boland, RN, CRNA