

I am asking my legislature to pass SB311 to restore legal boundaries for healthcare in Ohio.

I have been personally harmed by the mandates put forward by Governor DeWine and ODH. I suffer from a condition that makes it extremely difficult to wear a mask, especially for a long period of time. After speaking with my doctor about this diagnosis, my doctor wrote note allowing me to use a shield instead of a cloth mask. A note was required for my employer to allow me to use a shield instead of a cloth mask. My doctor recommended a follow up appointment. Following her orders, I arrived at my follow up appointment, wearing a shield. I was verbally attacked by a staff member in the waiting room for wearing a shield and endangering lives in their office. I asked to continue the discussion more privately. I was lead outside where I was told the doctor would not honor the the exemption they wrote. I had to put on a mask or leave.

Because I would not endanger my own health and put on a cloth mask in order to be seen, my doctor terminated our client relationship.

I am now left with no doctor in a time when having a trusted healthcare professional is critical. My condition is worsening. My job is in jeopardy because days off work require a doctor note. I've tried to find a another doctor but I am being blackballed and denied by other doctors as soon as my records are requested.

Health recommendations by the government should have remained recommendations. Lives of all ages have been adversely affected by heavy handed mandates against Ohio citizens. Please pass HB 311 and send healthcare decisions back to a patient and their own doctor where they belong.

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