

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the passage of SB311. If this bill is passed, it could jeopardize the health of hundreds of thousands of people across the state that are high risk regarding COVID-19. It is evident that many people in the state are not choosing to stay home for the sake of others on their own accord, and taking away the power from the Ohio Department of Health to issue public health measures such as stay at home or isolation orders will exacerbate the problem. I acknowledge that many Ohioans care about the health of others and are making responsible choices to socially distance and wear masks, but these acts have not been enough to slow the spread of COVID, especially in recent weeks. I ask that SB311 not be passed so that we can guarantee a fight against COVID rather than continuing to see cases, hospitalizations, and deaths rise due to this virus. Thank you.

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