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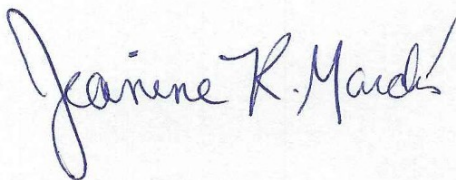
Chairman Burke, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Antonio, and honorable members of the Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee,

My name is Jeanine Mardis. As a concerned Ohioan who has seen the devastation wrought by the emergency orders in the last three months, I support greater checks and balances when it comes to government or government agencies, and I urge you to vote "yes" on SB311.

My own small business has suffered under these emergency orders, and I'm hoping for people's incomes to recover in my community so they feel comfortable spending again. While some are still afraid of a virus that's comparable in severity to the seasonal flu, the majority of people in my community are more upset by the mandated masks which make breathing difficult, especially for my neighbors and loved ones who work in factories and are struggling JUST TO BREATHE. The majority of people in my community are ready to get on with their lives and are tired of being manipulated by fear-mongering and tired of their small businesses being forced to comply with these extreme "guidelines" under threat of the Health Department that mandate they operate at less than full capacity when there is no true health emergency.

I have personally spoken with so many people who have told me their coworkers are passing out on a daily basis, and I am beyond disgusted at this blatant disregard for health and abuse of power by Governor Mike Dewine and Amy Acton. I am adamant I will not be allowing my son to attend public school if these unhealthy, ill-advised, and unproved measures are imposed on our school children.

Again, I urge you to vote "yes" on SB311.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeanine R. Mardis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jeanine Mardis

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