

Chairman Burke and members of the My name is Nadera Garrity and I strongly support SB 311.

The health directors powers cannot continue to go unchecked and cause the devastation it has inflicted upon Ohioans. We need the involvement of our elected officials within the state legislature to ensure Ohioans rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are safeguarded through the proper checks and balances that our nation was founded upon.

The director made decisions that have adversely impacted the lives of millions of Ohioans based on a drastically erroneous model. On top of which, hospital medical staff members, like many other Ohioans through our state who have lost their jobs, have been furloughed and the most vulnerable population has been forsaken, thereby adding insult to injury as it relates to the driving factors of such draconian orders.

Peer reviewed scientific studies have revealed that unemployment increases the risk of suicide by 63% and we have witnessed the impact of the director's measures in that respect and countless of others such as domestic violence, starvation, medical neglect and the impact in Ohioans mental health. It's enough. Everyone's lives matter. Everyone is essential. We need the intervention of the legislative process to ensure Ohioans constitutional rights and freedoms are protected from such draconian measures. Therefore, I strongly urge you all to vote yes on SB 311.

Thank you.