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**Sponsor Testimony for House Concurrent Resolution 21: to rescind certain orders and rules in whole or in part.**

Chair Wilkin, Vice Chair White, Ranking Member Sweeney, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 21.

HCR 21 acts on the authority granted by Senate Bill 22, allowing the adoption of a concurrent resolution by the General Assembly to rescind orders and rules issued in response to a state of emergency.

Since the emergency declaration issued by Governor DeWine on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, dozens of executive orders, public health orders, and administrative agency rule changes have occurred, none of which were approved by the legislature. These orders have been far-reaching, one-sided and continue to infringe upon the rights of Ohioans.

While many orders have been rescinded over the past 15 months, with several most recently rescinded on June 1<sup>st</sup>, a number of orders and administrative agency rules relating to Covid-19 still remain.

SB 22 was passed to rein in executive overreach and re-establish our system of checks and balances. On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, this bill becomes law, and we must act on the powers granted by SB 22. HCR 21 would not end the declaration of emergency, but would rescind most of the orders still in place, as well as remove many of the provisions relating to Covid-19 in administrative agency rules.

We will never be able to remedy the failures of the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, but we can move forward by respecting the personal liberty of every Ohioan and trusting them to make the decisions best for themselves and their families. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify, I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.