

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking member Kelly and the honored members of the House, State and Local government reform committee,

I am testifying today in favor of HB 90 as an Ohio resident deeply concerned about courses of action being taken under the current emergency powers and the dire effects it is having on all of us. This bill restores the balance of power to where it should be, between the three, coequal branches of government, and finally give a voice to the PEOPLE of Ohio via their legislators during a declared emergency. This is not about cutting government's authority, I just do not want the Governor to have ALL of it. In an emergency, yes the Governor needs to make a quick order. However it is supposed to be temporary. It then goes to the legislature who says 'let's look at the merits, let's look at the evidence.' If you don't have the evidence yet then you have to do a cost/benefit analysis: is this going to injure a lot of people, perhaps have problems in our hospitals, cause problems in our schools? Very well. We need to slow down and think more carefully about this. And that is what the Legislature and the Senate is all about. Our businesses, our economy, our social and emotional well-being and the future of our children are on the line. Our state cannot thrive under the continued oppressive and unopposed orders of an over-reaching Governor. Please stand up and protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on HB 90.

Thank you,  
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