Stacey Sigetic Written Proponent Testimony House Bill 90 2/16/2021

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly and honorable members of the State and Local Government Committee: My name is Stacey Sigetic and I have lived my entire life in Ohio. I am testifying in favor of House Bill 90 today as an Ohio resident and nurse who is deeply concerned about course of action being taken under the current emergency orders. I have now witnessed the negative effects that it is having on all of us for almost a year. I have been astounded at the lack of transparency that has occurred in our great state. The Governor has implemented several mandates that in my professional opinion do not equate to health: the 10:00pm curfew, the sewer order and the mask mandate are just a handful of the many orders that make little sense to me. I am including an article that I would have loved to read in person but am not able to do so: https://allinohio.com/an-epidemiologists-perspective-on-covid-19-the-other-side/
This bill restores the balance of power to where it should be, between the three COEQUAL branches of government and RE-OPENS Ohio.
Our businesses, our economy, our social and emotional well-being and the future of our children is on the line. Our state cannot thrive under the continued oppressive orders of our over-reaching Governor.
 I personally have felt the ill effect of the ever-increasing mandates and the fear campaign by the governor. My young son who has a hearing deficit cannot go many places in public these days. He has not been able to attend in person speech therapy services since February of this year. He attends a preschool where he can interact with peers who are not masked-but he has a teacher teaching him with a mask on. This is a child who has a hearing deficit and does not get to benefit from seeing the teachers mouth. He may not enjoy the Cleveland Aquarium, as they will not offer shielding or mask exemptions to their customers. He can no longer shop at Costco, as they require anyone over the age of two to mask. He also can not enjoy going to the library with me, due to the strict mask policy in place which does not allow for exemptions or for me to wear a shield so he may see my lips as I speak or read to him.
   I have witnessed firsthand my own mother lose her job that she had been at for over twenty years. She is just making enough on unemployment to pay her bills and she is severely depressed. She has encountered interruptions in her Ohio unemployment- causing her much fear and worry as to how she will be able to make her car payment or buy groceries. My mother is single, she has always shown me a strong work ethic and a commitment to her employer. She was loyal for all these years and is now left with little. She is not able to get a job though she has applied for many open positions. The restaurant she worked at for all these years never reopened after being shut down for in person dinning in March. In March, her church of five years also closed, and she again lost a crucial part of her social life. She has lost her purpose and struggles daily with depression and worry.

   I want to mention the many men and women who have served our great country. There has been enormous amount of sacrifice poured into this county. America is founded on liberty. I cannot help but mention my own husband who recently finished his third deployment to the Middle East. I am so proud of him. The work and sacrifice it takes to go to another country really

is an amazing undertaking.   These heroes did not give it all so that we would hand it back for sense of security from the government that honestly no one can ensure.

True health will never come from disinfectant sprays, plastic dividers, and cloth facemasks on well people. This beautiful life is worth living and doing so freely. I do not believe it should be "sick until proven healthy". I am a healthy adult who can make my own risk assessments. Please stand up and protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on HB 90!

Sincerely
Stacey Sigetic