

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Reform Committee,

I am testifying today in favor of HB 90 as an Ohio resident concerned with the imbalance of powers created by the prolonged use of unchecked emergency orders Ohio residents have been subject to over the course of nearly of year. In Ohio, our legislative body is meant to represent of the voices of its citizenry but with the use of this state of emergency those voices are being silenced.

What the past year has shown us is a weakness in our current laws concerning emergency powers and this bill will work to restore the balance of power between our coequal branches of government. During an emergency it is important for a Governor to act quickly to provide what is necessary for the state, however, limits to these actions must be set. This bill will introduce those necessary limits and ensure that this government continues to honor the voices of the people whom they serve and protect the intentions of our Constitution, that is a balance between Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches.

The people of this state must have a means by which to support or oppose the orders of a Governor that most directly effect them. Please protect that means and vote YES on HB 90.

Thank you,

Stacey Yohner