

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

We are in support of a yes vote for HB 90. As Ohioans, we are profoundly concerned about decisions made over the last year and continuing under the Governor and his current emergency powers. His unrelenting hold on power has had devastating impacts on our economy, jobs, social fabric, schools, and is ultimately in violation of our Ohio Constitution.

We need a return to a proper balance of power as outlined in our Constitution. How can it be that for a year, one arm of our government has refused to relinquish power and fully allow the legislature to participate as the elected representatives of voters?

We know people who have lost jobs, businesses, or are under-employed. Our senior friends are lonely, isolated and wonder when community centers will ever open again. Other friends continue to have very limited contact with family members in nursing homes. Several friends have had to travel to Akron to use the library computers for months, at least that system was open. Our local school children have never seen the face of their teacher or of their classmates, and this is February! These are high costs people have been paying for a year, and must be considered.

The public is made up of individual people. The 'greater good' does not supersede the Constitution. We ask you to please support HB 90. Thank you.

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