

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly and members of the State and Local Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. I support HB90 in that it reigns in the unconstitutional power the governor and the ODH have used over Ohioans the last year. It is heartbreaking to look back and see how a year has been lost in a fog of fear and lies perpetuated by the governor and ODH. The numbers ODH and the governor peddle have only been used to keep people subservient while under the guise of protecting the most vulnerable which has definitely not been the case.

These unlawful mandates have made it difficult for me and my children to go anywhere because we are unable to wear a mask. I have entered a store and when I informed them I was unable to wear a mask I was called weak. Not being able to wear a mask does not make me weak. It is anxiety inducing each time I walk into a store because I never know what I am going to walk into. Recently I messaged a local restaurant about their mask policy because my children are unable to wear one. I was asked about why my children could not wear a mask, if it was medical/disability and that I would need to provide documentation if the restaurant was questioned. I was then told that maybe I should get a doctor's note to carry around to show why my children cannot wear masks. Those questions and that statement were completely out of line and intrusive. It is nobody's business as to why my children and I cannot wear masks. I have been asked if fighting against wearing a mask is a hill I want to die on and my response would be yes, yes it is. Why? Because I know history and I know if a stand is not made now we will go down the path of Hitler, Stalin, etc and that is not a path I want my children or anyone else's children to travel so I fight now regardless of what others think of me. My conscience is clear. I will not stand idly by as our rights continue to be stripped by a power hungry governor who seems to completely disregard the lives he has destroyed and is in the process of destroying more.

I will end with encouraging the legislature to pass HB90 in an effort to end the state of emergency thus giving Ohioans their lives back and the ability to make decisions for their own lives without government intrusion.

Respectfully,  
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