To Whom It May Concern:

I have watched our Governor expand and abuse his power over the last 8 months. His role as an EXECUTOR of the law has been completely abandoned as he continues to act unilaterally in decisions affecting the entire state of Ohio. The fact that a bill must be proposed and approved to give back the power of "law-making" to the Legislative branch, is both surreal and absurd. The Constitution and very basis of our government defend against this VERY situation. Emergencies do not suspend the Constitution. The branches of government do not cease to exist because of a threat to the public health. It is EXACTLY for emergencies that the Constitution and division of power exist; to prevent the tyrannical overstepping of one individual in government. The idea that we have to "ask" and plead to have this undeniable FACT "reinstated" is insulting to our country, our forefathers, and the very core of what makes America good and free. I urge the legislators to stop ASKING for their power back; why did you allow it to be taken in the first place? Why did you allow the Constitution and the roles of each unique branch of government to be ignored and blatantly abused? Stop asking for permission to DO YOUR JOB. YOUR job is to make the laws; the Governor merely executes them. He seems to have forgotten that; why have you?

Recently, I was OUTSIDE getting gas. Two of my children were in the car, on our way to our homeschooling pod, since our district has decided sitting a 5 year old in front of a computer is "learning" and suddenly hours of screen time is "healthy". A woman came from AROUND the pump and verbally assaulted me. Telling me I had to wear a mask, outside, or it was a $250 fine. To say I was shaken would be an understatement. All I could think was how would I take my children to the playground? How would we go for walks? How much more would be taken from them and their childhood in the name of "safety" for something that has a 99.9+% survival rate? How was I going to explain how the government had decided, again, that it knew "better" than I did for my own health and the health and well-being of my family? She called the police. As I was standing there. We drove away. I called the city police non-emergency line and it was confirmed that I did NOT need to wear a mask outside, that I had done nothing wrong, that this woman was an arrogant busybody. Someone CALLED THE POLICE because I had the audacity to be outside, breathing fresh air.

I've often found it interesting how people will say with so much certainty that they would never have been a Nazi. I always think that's quite presumptive, as we have no idea what we would do in a certain situation if we haven't lived it. And yet, here we are, reporting on our neighbors, pitting neighbor against neighbor, encouraging isolation, fear, and alienation. Creating a new group to point the finger at for "destroying" or "threatening" our way of life. The "non-maskers", the individuals who know that life is inherently risky and choose to live it anyway, especially when the alternative is a disease that most of us have already probably had and didn't even know it, or will get it, and never know either. My immune system was MADE FOR THIS. Humankind would have died out long ago if our bodies couldn't fight viruses. I trust my body to do its job. I support it with good nutrition, sleep, exercise, supplements, and sunshine so it has the best chance of doing that job.

In summary, I am in absolute support of HB 90 and ALL measures to restore the Constitutionally-derived balance of powers, including impeaching the man who has decided he is

above the law, above the Constitution, and above answering to the very people who elected him to serve. There is NO EMERGENCY. Stop the data manipulation. Stop the hiding of clear facts. Stop the overreach. Do your jobs. And put the Governor back in his place.

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