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Chairman Scott Wiggam
District 1

Members of the House, State and Local Government Reform Committee:

I am submitting written testimony today in favor of HB90.

As a resident of Ohio, I am deeply disturbed by the actions taken by our governor and Department of Health under the current emergency powers and restrictions. These dictates have had far reaching destruction across Ohio; namely, our schools, businesses, churches, hospitals, nursing home facilities, economy, and the overall mental well being of Ohio residents. We are living under a cloud of fear. The restrictions are worse than the undocumented or ascertained emergency imposed by the governor.

HB90 will restores the balance of power to co-equal branches of our Ohio government. It will address the much needed voice of the people lost for me since March 11, 2020; WHEREAS, my State Senator and State Representative had no way to address my concerns of not being able to visit my husband, a nursing home resident. At the end of his eight months of lockdown, my husband passed away. It was a cruel barbaric end to his 78 years of life in a free country. What was he saved from I must ask?

Ohio is on a trajectory of a sinking ship without hope of baling out the water. We presently have no hope of rescinding the restrictions imposed by our oppressive leader and the unrestricted state agency. The well-being of Ohioans have been neglected and replaced with fear, our businesses are restricted by ridiculous rules, our economy has plummeted, schools and churches are haphazard, hospital and nursing home rules are inhumane, people are unemployed because of the rules and the future of Ohio and its residents are bleak.

Our State will never recover under the current heavy handed restrictions by those in power.

Please represent our great State of Ohio by protecting and restoring freedom as YOU, by YOUR elected position, have the power to do..

Please support HB90 by a YES vote.

Thank you.

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