

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 voter deeply concerned about courses of action being taken under the current emergency powers.

This bill is a step in the right direction toward restoring us to a functioning three-branch government, giving the right of representation to the people of Ohio via their legislators during a declared emergency, after a period of time.

I am concerned for my children's future if the whims of a few men can determine what we wear from one day to the next, where we go, whether we can open our businesses, whether our medical information is private, and what medical procedures or devices we must be subjected to. It is disgraceful that emergency powers have been allowed to go on for almost an entire year; this goes against the spirit of existing Ohio law. The data we have also shows that the actions of the executive branch and ODH have caused incredible harm to our state but have not had the desired effect of reducing COVID deaths. This overreach cannot be allowed to happen again unchecked.

As a professor of Computer Engineering at Cedarville University, my student's education has been adversely affected by the emergency orders. Online education and now the wearing of mask and other restrictions hinder the educational process. We have many laboratory classes that put the students' hand's on with equipment they simply do not have access to remotely.

Please stand up and protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on HB 90!

Thank you,

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