

- Jo Ann Campbell
- SCC SD22
- Proponent Testimony HB 90
- State and Local Government Reform Committee
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- Dear Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Reform Committee,
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- Thank you for allowing me to speak today. My name is Jo Ann Campbell. I am the SCC Woman of the 22nd Senate District, and today I will be representing many of those in my community, as well as myself and my own family.
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- I strongly urge you to forward and pass HB90, which will place a firm limit on the Executive Branch by limiting the length of a state of emergency to 30 days, creating oversight by forming an advisory committee with the ability to constrain overreach, and also require the governor to inform leaders of the General Assembly of any proposed actions dealing with public emergencies. In short, there would be a review process that would allow for proper checks and balances on Executive Power, as the Constitution demands.
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As a mother and committeewoman, I have witnessed firsthand the devastation caused by the unconstitutional overreach of our Governor and Health Department. My family, as well as many families in our community have suffered unduly without the ability to work and provide for our families, the inability to participate in general life, school, social and sports programs-- all based on faulty models. Many of our children have experienced depression to the level of serious despair, and no governor should hold so much arbitrary power over the daily life of free individuals.

We now know the virus is not the killer pandemic first predicted, yet the emergency orders are still in effect 10+ months after the initial declaration.

We also have real measurable data that demonstrates how ineffective and unnecessary lockdowns, school and business closings, and masking requirements have actually been, but still, the emergency orders continue.

We now know medications such as HCQ, Zinc, and Ivermectin are effective treatments that save lives, and some can even be safely used prophylactically for older and immunocompromised individuals, yet the mandates that restrict the healthy, continue.

Viruses come and go, but freedom does not and should not. The Governor cannot be allowed to act as a dictator, even if he believes it is a benevolent or even wise, gesture. That is not how the free society of America works, and most assuredly not how it continues. I implore you to do what you can to make HB 90 a reality. Ohioans are depending on you to defend Liberty. We need you to resist this egregious Tyranny.

Thank you for listening.