

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and the Honored Members of the House State and Local Government Reform Committee.

My name is Kimberly Stahley and I would like to provide written proponent testimony for HB90. I represent my two teenage daughters.

Our children deserve better. Ohioans deserve better.

I am gravely concerned about the courses of action being taken under the current emergency powers and the detrimental effects they have on our quality of life. Our businesses, our economy, our health and wellbeing, and our continued opportunities to THRIVE are at stake. The oppressive, over-reaching, and UNOPPOSED orders of ONE MAN - Governor Dewine - cannot be allowed to continue. The Covid mitigation measures under his emergency powers had no effect on the spread of the virus and only succeeded in doing more harm than good. The virus amounted to nothing more severe than any other seasonal flu or respiratory virus. The CDC predicted this in early spring, within weeks of the start of what was supposed to be a fifteen day lockdown. It was only ever dangerous to a small group of vulnerable people, deadly to a fraction of those. All of whom could have been protected through careful, targeted, intelligent safety measures. Instead, the Governor chose to take away our schools, livelihoods, and lock us in our homes. He exaggerated the viruse's effects - manipulated people's emotions - while never once providing any real evidence, hard data, or viable metrics/benchmarks. Only anecdotes. We were expected to take him at his word. We did everything he asked of us. We gave him the benefit of the doubt. And yet, we've known since early summer when "cases," deaths, and hospitalizations WENT DOWN as to what sort of trajectory the virus (a naturally occurring phenomenon) was likely to take. But the Governor would not stop. Now "cases," deaths, and hospitalizations ARE DOWN AGAIN. We are no longer in a pandemic. Haven't been in one for months. It is time to stop this madness.

HB90 restores the balance of power to where it should be. It gives a voice to the people of Ohio via their legislators.

Please stand up and reclaim your Constitutional authority. Do your sworn duty. Protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on HB90.

Don't let our kids waste away more of their precious developmental years. It is past time to come up with an exit strategy.

Thank you.

Kimberly