

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 2/21/2021

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB90

Specific Issue: Estaaablish Legislative Oversight of Governor's and Health Orders

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

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How much time will your testimony require? 5 min

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I am writing in opposition to HB 90. I am a retired nurse with a Masters in Community Health Nursing. To relegate the health of Ohioans to a committee of ten persons with no qualifications to make health decisions is negligence. Under the current make up of the Ohio legislature such a committee would be highly partisan. We need health decisions based on science not on political ideology.

Consider what the outcomes during this current pandemic would have been if a committee had been able to limit the highly effective mitigation efforts of masks, social distancing and closures to 30 days or if they could have prevented the Governor from reinstating preventive measures for 90 days. The death toll would have been staggering.

We have all chafed under the restrictions imposed by this pandemic, but the virus does not care if we dislike having to restrict our activities. We cannot will it away by defiance. We have to do the hard work of applying the outstanding scientific resources available.

There is no doubt that we will be faced with other serious dangers to the citizens' health and safety. We must recognize that economic progress cannot be separated from community health. The governor needs to be able to make decisions informed by science.

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