

Dear Chairman Wiggam, Vice-chair John, Ranking member Kelly and state and local government committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony as a proponent witness for HB103. Everyone has been focused on SB22, and while that bill is extremely important to the citizens of Ohio it unfortunately left some egregious and foolish loopholes that an overreaching executive branch (such as the one we now have) might choose to exploit. My understanding of HB103 indicates it closes a few of those loop holes to further protect Ohioans.

A few key provisions in HB103 are that it reduces the duration of emergency administration rules from 120 days (too long!) down to 10 days as well as preventing the governor from extending an emergency past 120 days. Furthermore, an important provision of HB103 is that it prevents a governor from making a new emergency with the same substance! The same emergency can't be counted twice.

Finally, HB103 provides a requirement that an emergency rule must be reviewed to determine the extent of the adverse impacts on businesses and recommendations made to eliminate this negative impact. This provision in HB103 might be the most important based on the recent history of our current "health emergency" and its unjust and horrific damage to small businesses. These impacts are not measured or accounted for when the governor talks about the health emergency, but the damage is real and it must be included in any assessment.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

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