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Mogadore, OH 44260

February 2, 2021

Re: Yes vote for SB22

Chairman Roegner, Vice Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the State and Local Government Committee:

I am testifying today in favor of SB22 as an Ohio resident deeply concerned about courses of action being taken under the current emergency powers and the dire effects it is having on all of us.

The arbitrary and capricious health orders being issued by the Executive Branch deprive many Ohioans of the beneficial use of their property. This creates "takings" pursuant to the Takings Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Inevitably, the courts will order compensation for these takings. The substantial costs of such compensation are neither known and nor budgeted but will most assuredly be staggering in scope.

The fiscally irresponsible and wanton acts of the Executive Branch infringe of the budget and spending authority of the Legislative Branch. They must therefore be brought under the control of the General Assembly. Enactment of SB 22 will do much to accomplish that.

This bill restores the balance of power to where it should be, between the three, COEQUAL branches of government, and finally gives a VOICE to the PEOPLE of Ohio via their legislators during a declared emergency.

Our businesses, our economy, our social and emotional well-being and the future of our children is on the line. Our state cannot thrive under the continued oppressive and unopposed orders of our over-reaching Governor.

Please stand up and protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on SB22!

Best regards,
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