

Government oversight and reform committee
Written Proponent testimony for SB22

As we approach the 1 year anniversary of “2 weeks to flatten the curve” I wonder how much longer this will go on. There appears to be no end in sight as Governor Dewine and Ohio Department of Health continues the mandates and curfew, although we have now graciously been granted an extra hour by extending the curfew to 11pm.

The damage done by ODH’s never ending and overreaching mandates can be clearly seen with shuttered businesses, unemployment, and deaths of despair. How did we as Society allow suicide to become the number one cause of death for 10-14 year olds? As a Court Appointed Special Advocate Guardian Ad Litem, and a mother, that fact alone infuriates me. Shame on all of us for letting that happen.

There has been an astounding lack of checks and balances through this whole ordeal. SB 22 would insure that the people’s representatives are part of those checks and balances. This bill does not completely limit the ODH’s ability to make public health orders, but ensures that we will never be in this situation again where we have bureaucrats making huge decisions, with no time limits, without the people having a say.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony.
Please vote yes on SB22

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