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Karen Wirtz

Yes on SB22

Dear 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, mother, small business owner, and veteran who is deeply concerned about the governor's abuses of power, fraud and misuse of taxpayer dollars in utilizing the health department and other agencies to bully, lie to, harass and intimidate small business owners and the citizens of Ohio. Additionally, he has created a hate-filled atmosphere between citizens to where no one who has a mask exemption feels safe going anywhere in public. Citizens are encouraged to snitch on each other via anonymous portals creating distrust amongst neighbors where kindness used to exist. Mask mandates and curfews do not follow any scientific, peer-reviewed studies and in fact are contrary to those that exist.

This bill is necessary to restore the balance of power between the three, COEQUAL branches of government. The governor has ignored his oath and the Ohio and United States Constitutions for too long. This should never be allowed to happen again.

Our businesses, our elderly, and our children have suffered the most. We have rights, even though the governor thinks he is allowed to suspend them. 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!

Thank you,

Karen Wirtz