

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 authority of the Governor.

Currently, there is an imbalance of power with the Executive Branch having *total authority* with all aspects of public health emergencies WITHOUT time constraints.

I understand the need for the Governor to enact a public emergency. However, that authority should be LIMITED until additional information and options are available to include a broad range of legislators. This bill restores the balance of power to where it should be, between the three, COEQUAL branches of government, and gives a voice to the people of Ohio via their legislators during a declared emergency. Our state cannot thrive under the isolated actions of one individual. Please vote YES on SB22!

Respectfully,
Kimberly Grembowski