

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. I am an Ohio resident and voter deeply concerned about courses of action being taken by the state government under the ongoing emergency powers and the damage it is doing everywhere in the state, especially to the most vulnerable people.

This bill is a step toward restoration of three coequal branches of government. It will, finally, after an entire year of abused emergency executive powers, give Ohioans representation through their elected legislators. My hope is that it will also help prevent executive/ODH overreach in the future.

Ohioans are aware of how to protect themselves and their families from unnecessary risks from COVID-19. There is no longer any excuse for our legislature to stand idly by and allow the whims of one branch of government to control highly personal aspects of our lives (school schedules, face coverings, medical procedures, times, closures, and capacities of businesses, etc.) under threat of force.

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

Thank you,

Dr. Danielle Fredette