

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

Subject: Vote Yes to Senate Bill 22

"Issue": 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.

"Concern": Current imbalance of power with the Executive Branch having total authority with all aspects of public health emergencies without time constraints

"New Narrative": We 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, Mark Gilkey