

## **SB 22 Proponent Testimony**

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To Chairman Roegner, Vice-Chair McColley, Ranking Member Craig  
and Honorable Members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony regarding SB22. I am a **proponent of SB22** because the overreaching orders issued over the last several months by Governor DeWine and the Health Director have done nothing but hamstring local businesses and restaurants, prevented children from receiving an adequate education, and has caused much despair and loneliness. As someone with family members with hearing disabilities, it's time to revoke the mask mandate. Basic communication is so hard when you can't read lips and can't hear muffled voices through masks. It's been months and months of poor or no communication with those around us when leaving the home. It's time for everyone to move through society without more hardships being inflicted upon them by ineffective and discriminatory health orders. Ohio needs check and balances by giving the legislature the ability to rescind these orders. I urge you to please vote YES on SB22.

Sincerely,

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