

SB 22 Proponent Testimony

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Government Oversight and Reform Committee

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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 Ohio Department of Health has too much control over the life, health, and subsequently, the liberties of Ohio citizens. No single government official should have unilateral control over Ohio citizens, especially an unelected government official such as the Health Director. I ask that you re-instate check and balances in our government by giving the legislature the ability to rescind these orders. As our elected representatives, you are the ones we have chosen to represent us. Yet our current law removes all power from our elected representatives leaving us without a voice. It has been almost a full year since Governor Dewine first signed the emergency order. These overstepping orders limited our freedoms and have returned zero results. We have been under a mask mandate for months, but have nothing to show from this order other than the continued loss of freedom through additional orders that recycle the same ineffective policies. I ask you not only to pass this bill for the current citizens of Ohio but for those generations who would come after us. We have been entrusted with the gift of freedom, and it is our duty to ensure that gift is preserved for these future generations. Please vote YES on SB22.

Sincerely,

Adam Talbot