

Dear Senator Roegner,

I am writing to urge the Senate to vote yes on SB22.

I have been personally affected by the extended emergency order of Governor DeWine in several ways.

- As a chaplain and volunteer with Canines for Christ, a therapy dog ministry, I have been unable to provide comfort and encouragement in visits to the Veterans Home in Sandusky since last March.
- This past August, I resigned from my teaching position because I was unwilling to be party to the unproven and unnecessary masking of students as well as other protocol that will only serve to psychologically damage our state's children.
- I cancelled my yearly gynecological exam in November due to my inability to wear a mask for that length of time and under those circumstances.
- My husband has been denied an in-person medical exam, and my overall working relationships with my physicians, including my dentist, have been compromised.
- Finally, my husband's work hours have been cut in half since December.

We are a state founded on the rule of law which includes a system of checks and balances. Sadly, that has not been the reality in Ohio for the better part of a year. Please restore the citizenry's constitutional rights and our faith in our leaders.

Respectfully yours,

Joan Hartley