

My name is Kelly Williamson, and I want to thank you for allowing me to present testimony for SB22. I am a concerned citizen and mother regarding the overreach of Governor Mike Dewine and his handling of the COVID 19 in our great state. I have a 14 year old daughter that has been negatively effected by the closure of our schools during this virus outbreak. I have watched my bright, intelligent daughter becoming more and more depressed from being torn from her social interactions. She, as well as her classmates, are paying the price of decisions made by our elected officials in the name of protecting the public. I understand that there are more vulnerable people in our communities that do need protection; those people should be able to stay home to protect themselves. Our children, who are in the lowest risk group, should not be penalized in order to protect those vulnerable populations. These children deserve to be able to thrive and socialize with their peers.

I am also concerned with the price being paid by our elderly family members. To keep our older loved ones away from their children and grandchildren is unfair and demoralizing.

Please consider SB22 carefully, as our children and older family members deserve so much more than they are getting.

Respectfully,

Kelly Williamson