

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Craig, and the honored members of the government oversight and reform committee,

My name is Brian Perhai and I am an Ohio resident. I write to you to ask that you stand up for your interests and We the People's interest by protecting the power of the Legislature against Executive encroachment. No one person or small group of people should have the power to close businesses long term, destroy jobs, and change the way free people interact with each other. Actions affecting all Ohioans lives deeply should be handled by our representatives in the Ohio House.

Our founders knew there needed to be multiple types of controls on government. As I am sure you have all heard before, Madison wrote in the 51st Federalist paper that "If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary." None of us are angels, therefore some controls are necessary. SB 22 is one of those necessary internal controls. The Governor and the DOH have been too heavy handed on the people of Ohio. Their power must be curbed and balance between branches of government restored. SB 22 also helps to improve the external control on these powers by moving them to the most accountable to the People branch of government - the Legislature.

I ask that you vote yes for the people of Ohio and YES on SB 22.

Respectfully,

Brian Perhai

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