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Government Oversight and Reform Committee
Ohio State 134th General Assembly
Senator Roegner, Chair
Senator McColley, Vice Chair
Senator Craig, Ranking Minority Member
Senator Hoagland
Senator Lang
Senator Schaffer
Senator Thomas

Dear Senators:

I am providing written testimony today in favor of Senate Bill 22 because, as an Ohio resident, I am deeply concerned about the present course of action being taken under these current emergency powers. It is certainly having dire effects on all of us. As a homeschooling parent, my son's education is being hampered greatly because of limited educational opportunities outside our homeschool classroom. As a wife, my family's financial situation has dramatically changed since I was told by my employer that I was no longer welcome to work simply because I refuse to wear a cloth facial covering. My last day of work was April 28, 2020.

Senate Bill 22 will restore a balance of power to our Ohio government. As a republic, We the People have a voice in our government via our elected representatives. Currently our voices, our General Assembly, have been silenced due to this continued state of emergency declaration. Senate Bill 22 allows for our voices to be heard during emergency declarations so as to avoid over-reaching and unopposed Executive Branch authoritative control. This balance of power is required for our Republic to function and thrive.

All of our personal liberties bestowed by God to our Republic are worth protecting and defending. Please stand up with your fellow Ohioans and support Senate Bill 22.

Respectfully yours,
Catherine R. Loya