

Madam Chair Roegner, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Craig and honorable members of the Government Oversight Reform Committee:

I am herein submitting written testimony in favor of SB22. As an “essential employee” and Ohio resident and voter, I am deeply concerned about the courses of action that have been taken by our governor and the ODH via the current emergency powers structure, and the dire effects these actions are having on all Ohioans.

Our economy has all but ground to a halt and the unintended consequences of the many shutdowns are having worse effects than those of the virus they are supposed to mitigate.

Disease, addiction, various forms of abuse and suicide have increased as a result of our shackled economy. This cannot be allowed to continue.

SB22 restores the balance of power to where it should be, between the three equal branches of government, and returns a voice to all Ohioans via their legislators during declared or perceived emergencies.

Our businesses, our economy, our social and emotional well-being and the future of our children are on the line and quickly losing ground. Our state cannot thrive under the continued oppression and unopposed orders of our current over-reaching Governor and cast of supporters. We need a return to checks and balances among our branches of government. Therefore, I urge the committee and our legislators to do the right thing and vote YES on SB22.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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