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My name is Bill Beavers, and I am a concerned citizen in Ohio calling to ask for your support of SB22. The overreaching orders issued over the last several months by the Governor and the Health Director have affected me and my family in many ways.

I work at a private mental health practice and the increase in clients coming to us with depression and anxiety is overwhelming. Children of all ages and young adults have been impacted by the Governor's orders.

With school closings and many activities, including sports and graduations, our youth are suffering, and we are seeing it firsthand.

The feeling of helplessness is how I would describe my year. The thought that one person was in control of making major decisions that impacted so many lives is appalling.

Ohio needs checks and balances by giving the legislature the ability to rescind these orders.

The responsibility to make decisions that impact the lives of so many people should not rest on one person.

I'm quite confident that Fear had a lot to do with the Governor's decisions and quite frankly it isn't fair to him.

An Oversight Committee could have elevated a lot of the problems that we faced and taken the pressure off the Governor as I'm sure he was under a lot of stress in making those decisions.

At the least someone to overrule some of the draconian measures that were taken that caused more pain, struggle and death than was necessary.

Please vote "yes" on SB22.

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