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My name is Ed Clark and I live in Seneca county. The lock down orders have cost the owners of business within our community a lot. The small family owned business by not being allowed to open up, when we saw Walmart, Lowes and the other big box stores doing business as normal. Restaurants have suffered, and people in the community have lost jobs. I understand that the government was giving compensation for this, but the long term effects will be felt for some time, and somewhere we will pay for all the money that the government has been handing out, rather than allowing us to stay open and keep companies moving. When you have representatives and senators that are in touch with the people who elected them to office, the Governor should be listening to them, but instead he heads up a board that has the donors from the community he comes from, and not small business owners.

We have seen mental issues with the stay at home orders. Drug use has risen along with theft and break ins. The overreach from the Governor and some of his staff and the lack of true compassion needs to be pulled back. All of this should have been done with the Ohio House having the right to work with the Governor in these types of situations. Thank you for your time, and I do appreciate the ability to present this testimony to all of you.

Thank You
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