

Dear Chairman Roegner, Vice Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the State and Local Government Committee:

As constituents of Chairman Roegner, we are proud of her efforts as one of the original bill co-sponsors, and we are dismayed that almost a year later this legislation has yet to pass, or to override the veto by the Governor.

We are testifying today in favor of SB22 as Ohio residents deeply concerned about courses of action being taken under the current emergency powers and the dire effects it is having on all of us, and continue to have for almost a year!

This bill restores the balance of power to where it should be, between the three, COEQUAL branches of government, and finally gives a VOICE to the PEOPLE of Ohio via their legislators during a declared emergency. It is past time we the people have a say in decisions made by a very few, all too often based on computer models which have been shown to be tragically wrong.

Our businesses, our economy, our social and emotional well-being and the future of our children is on the line. Our state cannot thrive under the continued oppressive and unopposed orders of our over-reaching Governor. The fact that the Governor believes he can disregard the will of the people in overriding a bill passed by both Houses, is truly wrong. He needs to be reminded he is part of the government and not the only decision-maker.

Please stand up and protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on SB22! We have been watching this bill very closely and will continue to do so.

Thank you,

Mr. Louis Marky