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Honorable Senator Roegner,

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony. My name is Taylor Golden, and I am a concerned Ohio resident. I am writing today to ask for your support of SB 22. It appears there are no checks and balances within the ORC, granting the director of health the authority to make arbitrary and unilateral decisions that define a public health threat, the measures necessary to contain such threat, abatement of the measures, and how to return life to normal as much as possible. In particular, it seems our legislature can be rendered mute and impotent in matters that need considerable oversight and input to gauge their fairness and impact.

Ohio's COVID response began with an announcement of an emergency and some restrictions with an unclear timeline or criteria for ending, the slow progression of restrictions (which seems counterintuitive for a viral health threat), and no plan for how individuals, businesses, municipalities, or the entire state will recover. I have been adversely affected by the current restrictions from the DeWine administration, and it is imperative that Ohio legislators vote in support of Senate Bill 22.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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