

Chairman Mathews, Vice Chair Stewart, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the Public Health Policy Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide support testimony for HB 617; "UN-Mask Ohio."

Ohioans should never be mandated to wear a mask in any school, college, public office, or private sector setting that provides public services. Basically, Ohioans should never be mandated to wear a mask to participate in society.

Even though this science was censored and declared misinformation (even though it was clearly stated in the CDC's own website and clearly stated on every box of surgical masks), by now everyone knows and understands the science that masks of any kind (even N95 masks which can only be worn under medical supervision) cannot prevent the transmission of viruses. Viral particles are simply way too small and pass right through even the strongest masks (like a mosquito passing through a chain link fence).

On the other hand, bacterial and fungal pathogens are much larger and can be trapped and accumulated inside the mask when a person is not allowed to exhale these pathogens properly in their regular respiration (you see the lungs are a major detoxification organ). This can be very dangerous and lead to serious bacterial and fungal infections in the mouth, throat, and lungs. For example, I carry the bacterial Strep at all times (as millions of Americans do) and when I was forced to wear a mask during Covid to access goods and services, I would always get a sore throat and terrible cough after only wearing a mask for short periods of time. If I had been in situations where I had to wear a mask for longer periods of time to work etc, I could have developed a serious Strep infection. In addition my son who has problems with his oral health and dental decay was forced to wear a mask in school all day for a year and during that year developed many cavities in his teeth due to the bacteria in his mouth accumulating and concentrating behind the mask. This was very traumatic for him also.

You see no one should ever be mandated to use a medical device that has risk and can cause harm. I am a health and wellness coach and work with people one on one to support their health conditions. Everyone single person is unique and dealing with different health challenges and conditions and we must allow everyone to take care of their own health in the best way they see fit.

In closing, I urge the committee members to please vote yes on HB 617. No child should ever be forced to wear a mask again, and no Ohioan should ever be forced to wear a mask to participate in society.