

Dear Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee:

I am writing this written testimony in favor of SB 311 today as an Ohio resident deeply concerned about courses of action being taken under the current emergency powers and the dire effects it is having on all of us. As an optometrist, I have suffered from my business closed down for 6 weeks. My teenagers have become depressed and isolated from their peers. The "cure" for this virus is far worse than the illness itself. This bill restores the balance of power to where it should be, between the three COEQUAL branches of government and RE-OPENS Ohio. 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 orders of our over-reaching Governor.

Please stand up and protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on SB 311!

Thank you,

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