

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

I am testifying 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.

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. It is essential to curbe these powers. Me personally have had to go out of State in order to receive proper medical treatment, because the Governor and health director have unlimited power to curbe what type of treatment patients can receive within the state of Ohio. This is wrong, and you have the opportunity to change this narrative by voting Yes on SB 311. We will be watching for those who do not vote in favor of this bill, and take notes for the next 2 years. We are tired of the unlimited rule the Governor has on our lives, and trying to take on our lives. Yes the virus is real, but at the same time we cannot continue to live in the fear of said virus. We hear far too many horror stories of suicides, and drug abuse and yet

the Governor REFUSES to address those deaths, as it doesn't fit his narrative or agenda. In closing I ask that you vote yes on SB 311 to restore our freedoms and most importantly restore our republic.

Thank you,

Steven Flickinger