

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee: Thank you for allowing me to sponsor testimony for SB311.

As a citizen of the Great State of Ohio, a wife, mother and grandmother I am greatly concerned for myself, my family and my fellow citizens. The impact of the current medical mandates and the threat of more to come is putting much stress on me and my family. My husband is a combat veteran and this past week he had to endure a barrage of insults for being in a store without his mask fully in place over his mouth and nose. It did not matter to this man that my husband was having a difficult time breathing. "The governor said it was mandatory" therefore everyone must do it. My husband's condition is due to the amount of smoke he inhaled in the oil fields of Kuwait. No one should have to be in that position. Dewine has created a toxic environment in which we now have to live. An environment to protect us from a virus with a 99% survival rate. I fear our state and our families may not be able to recover if these mandates are allowed to continue. Are we willing to sacrifice our businesses, our economy and our personal liberties? Dewine is so focused on the death that he is not allowing us to live.

The revised code has granted executive emergency powers that have no definition of what constitutes a public health emergency and no limitations on the extent to which the governor can control business, elections or our private lives. I am tired of the elected officials failing to protect our rights and personal liberties. It is time to put an end to Dewine's attack on the citizens of this state. His manipulation of numbers and strong arm tactics need to stop.

Thank you Senator McColley and Senator Roegner for sponsoring this bill and thank you for reading my letter. Please vote yes to SB 311.

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