

Dear representative,

I am a pediatrician in Columbus, OH, taking care of a primarily Medicaid population. I am writing in opposition of SB311. Too often, there are unintended negative healthcare consequences that result from legislation proposed and approved by non-medical persons. This is one of those instances. Throughout this stressful pandemic, it has been terrible to see the politicization of a public health crisis. Many physicians, myself included, run successful private businesses in addition to caring for medical needs of the community. We are fully aware of the economic impact the pandemic has had. Additionally, most physicians have seen a decrease in compensation during the pandemic, despite an increased workload to keep everyone as safe as possible. Legislation such as SB 311 will only make our jobs harder. Instead of elected officials ignoring health department advice, our communities would be better served to have a unifying message of support for public health directives. We are at a low point in the pandemic in Ohio. Continuing the toxic denial of science's role in controlling a pandemic is going to be detrimental to the entire population of Ohio.

I urge you to oppose SB311.

Thank you,

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