

Dear Chairperson,

I am writing to you in OPPOSITION to SB 311 as both a concerned citizen and physician caring for individuals at high risk for exposure to COVID-19, already exposed to COVID-19, or suffering the results of COVID-19 exposure.

Public health interventions must be placed in the hands of public health experts, not politicians.

The Ohio Department of Health has a responsibility to the safety of all individuals, particularly in the setting of a local infectious disease outbreak, but especially in the setting of a global pandemic.

As written, SB 311 will cause immeasurable harm to Ohioans and prolong this pandemic if passed.

Sincerely,

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