

Hello, my name is Lara and I am a family nurse practitioner, resident of Fairfield County, primary care provider in Pickaway County, mom/daughter/wife. I am writing today to urge and implore you to scrap SB 311, a dangerous bill which would take power away from healthcare and public health officials and put it in the hands of untrained elected representatives. This egregious power grab would put Ohioans in danger during the worst public health event in living memory. As a healthcare professional and a person who lived through the early months of the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone in 2014, I know that public health officials and experts need to guide us through this crisis. I'm here to warn you that obstructionist bills like this will endanger lives. We have to put our lives in the hands of experts today. Do the right thing and leave the Department of Health intact.

Thank you