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House State and Local Government Committee
Columbus, OH

Dear Members of the Committee:

I would like to convey how the public health orders related to the coronavirus has affected my family.

My oldest son graduated from college in May. He had several promising interviews at the beginning of the year, but many companies stopped hiring once the public health orders began. My son has been unable to find a job in his field, and is working a part time warehouse job until prospects improve.

My 21 year old daughter was just recently diagnosed with MS. In order to accompany her to see her neurologist for the first time, I had to explain the situation to the security guard in the hospital lobby. He finally allowed me to go in with my daughter, but made my husband wait in the car. Then, the doctor was not going to let me be present for the exam, review of MRIs, and discussion of treatment options. This is a life changing diagnosis not only for my daughter, but for our whole family. I cannot imagine anyone having to take in so much new information without having an advocate present.

My younger daughter was a high school senior in the spring of this year. Her motivation to learn all but disappeared as she was forced to stare at a computer screen all day when these public health orders forced schools to close. She suffered depression and anxiety as she was deprived of all the traditional events of senior year.

My youngest son's education suffered greatly with these public health orders. The last quarter of school in the spring was a joke. Many of his assignments were just busy work, not education. This semester was going well with full time in-person learning, until the governor ramped up his doom and gloom rhetoric. School has gone to all distance learning yet again.

These heavy handed public health orders are causing so much more harm than the coronavirus itself, where an infected low-risk person has more than a 99% chance of survival. We know what is best for our families, and we take action to protect our loved ones without any government interference. Please pass this bill and put a check on the governor's power to control our lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra M. Falcione". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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