

“Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee:

I am testifying in favor of SB 311 today as an Ohio resident deeply concerned about courses of action being taken under the current emergency powers and the dire effects it is having on all of us.

This bill restores the balance of power to where it should be, between the three COEQUAL branches of government and RE-OPENS Ohio.

Our businesses, our economy, our social and emotional well-being and the future of our children is on the line. Our state cannot thrive under the continued oppressive orders of our over-reaching Governor. See the attached link to an article on the effects this is having on our children. 15 students REPORTED having SUICIDAL IDEOLOGY due to isolation and covid restrictions placed upon them by the unconstitutional orders of Gov DeWine. I am a parent of a child who attempted suicide - this is NOT A JOKE! Death is permanent - the recovery rate for COVID is 99+% for people under the age of 44.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the US

2nd leading cause of death for ages 15-34

These are PRE-PANDEMIC numbers, based on the story provided, imagine what those number are now!

My family has experienced COVID first hand - 14 days of quarantine/isolation on a 12 year old is DEVASTATING! We are fortunate to be in a position that allows us to have electronics, cable, and a private back yard that allowed our 12 year to have options during their quarantine period - but that is not the case for thousands of other students. Students who have poor living conditions, absentee parents (or parents who have to be out of the home the majority of the time to provide), and even abusive situations are being forced by these orders to spend more time in these unsafe environments. I support protecting the most vulnerable, but this CANNOT be at the expense of our children's safety, education, and development.

Please remember that many of the students being effected by the decisions of both Gov DeWine and all Legislators, 2 years from now will be old enough to vote. I belong to several parent groups who are actively talking to these soon to be voting age kids. We are teaching our children the importance of co-equal branches of government, the importance of the constitution, and very different their futures will be if we don't stand up NOW for our liberties.

Please stand up and protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on SB 311!

Sincerely,  
Sarah Chapman and Family

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