

SB 22 Proponent testimony

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Dear Honorable Chair Wiggam, Honorable Vice Chair John, Ranking Minority Member Kelly, Representative Callender, Creech, Dean, Arthur, Galonski, Ginter, Grendell, Russo, Skindell, Sobacki, Stewart and Wilkin.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my proponent testimony in support of SB 22.

After more than a year of watching my lifelong state of Ohio fall from grace from overreaching powers of our Governor and the Ohio Department of Health, I am relieved and thrilled to see SB 22 coming to the floor for vote. I can't even imagine how there was not checks and balances in place prior to the covid 19 pandemic, but there wasn't.

I have watched businesses close in my community because of this, drug overdoses increase dramatically, children become suicidal and a black cloud cover all of Ohio. We cannot as citizens of Ohio continue to allow "ultimate" authority to be given to our Governor and/or ODH when the decisions they make effect every citizen. We need checks and balances put in place immediately and never allow something like what happened in 2020 happen again. In the medical community alone we have seen an increase in NON covid deaths because of lack of medical care due to fear, (instilled by our less than honest Governor), lack of access to non emergent procedures (which is very hard to define) and general lock downs.

Our Governor instilled UNLAWFUL mandates without seeking legislature approval. There is NO CURRENT THREAT of pandemic based on Covid numbers fewer than a typical outbreak of common disease, health care workers being laid off and hospitals being on the verge of bankruptcy if it wasn't for stimulus money that doesn't even exist. Furthermore true covid deaths have not been confirmed and a true and accurate audit of deaths in 2020 must be re-examined by the local board of health to determine underlying causes of death. The real numbers will likely show that we haven't been in a state of emergency since April of 2021

Why would our Governor attack the public, families, and small businesses with unlawful mandates and shutdowns? With SB22 passed and in place, we will have the necessary oversight we should have had from day one. Please vote YES on SB 22.

Concerned and fully awake Ohio citizen,

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