

Chairman Roegner, V. Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Craig, Senators Hoagland, Schaffer, Lang, Thomas, All members of the State & Local Committee,

I am Antonia Blake, life-long resident of Ohio & I am submitting my testimony in Strong Support of Senate Bill 22.

As a Registered Nurse, wife, mother and Retired Officer in the US Army, I am Deeply concerned about the courses of action taken under the current emergency powers over the last tumultuous ten months, and the unretractable damaging effects it's had on the good people of Ohio.

Senate Bill 22 is a well-written, concise bill, which restores the balance of power to where it should be, between the three COEQUAL branches of government, and finally gives back the voice of the people, via their legislators during a declared emergency. Survival of our businesses, our economy, our social and more importantly, our emotional well-being, as well as, our children's futures, is On the Line with the passing of Senate Bill 22!

All members of this committee are well aware that the people of our state cannot thrive under the continued oppressive and unopposed orders of our over-reaching Governor!

War has NOT been the Twentieth Century's biggest Killer- Tyranny was ! Frederick Douglas, the great American Statesman & Champion of all people said in 1849, " You have Only the Rights that You are willing to Fight For!" He also said, "the Limits of Tyrants are prescribed, by the Endurance of those whom they Suppress!"

What then should Ohioans do, when their ability to "endure" tyrannical demands has superceded all humanly defined limits?

From the average citizen's perspective, their daily loss of Constitutional Rights, and the inability of their legislators to speak and act effectively on their behalf, as the Governor's unconstitutional-overreach continues And supercedes everyone's limits!

The price of Governor DeWines' unjust demands which show no logic or reason, has reached beyond the point of practability and have no end in sight !

Government Officials & Legislators in Ohio, for the last ten months, have frankly Failed to carry-out their "duty to protect" our citizens by allowing No Government Oversight ; by tolerating the unbridled rules, regulations & demands of the Governor & his unelected appointees, to devastate our daily lives by imposing these inhuman destructive demands on the good people of our State!

Senate Bill 22 puts into place reasonable and appropriate measures, by means of a "balanced" committee of legislators, who remain accountable to our citizens in their exercising of due diligence, by the direction of limits & powers which aim to Protect Constitutional Rights and support reasonable & optimum outcomes when a perceived emergency arises. Secondly, "in subjecting existing orders & rules to review", it supports a "Remedy" by correcting the past ten difficult months of unrestricted demands on the people & economy; helping to restore as best as possible, their confidence in elected officials and state & local government.

Thirdly, by removing the word " Ultimate" from existing orders describing the Ohio Department of Health's authority over quarantine & isolation, it restores " hope" in the people that current difficult demands made on them, are Temporary !

And lastly, in regard to emergencies triggered by identified " tainted consumable products, it Gives Back the "Power of Personal Choice" to individuals in their ability to refuse mandatory use of such products, without fear of government reprisal or punishment !

Senate Bill 22 will restore a sense of normalcy & safety in state government which has been stripped away!

I submit this testimony in my Strong Support of Senate Bill 22, that it be passed into law as soon as possible, by the assembly in it's entirety and without amendment or redaction, as it is written. In full confidence as Our Great State Motto reminds us, " With God ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE !

Thank you

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