

Proponent Testimony for SB22 2/3/2021

Jack Burr

Chairman Roegner, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Craig, and Members of the Government Oversight & Reform Committee,

My name is Jack Burr. I am in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Susanna School. Here is how the Covid restrictions affect me in my daily life. At lunch, we have to stay six feet apart, which is very annoying because it isn't normal and it's hard to talk that far in the loud lunchroom. At recess, the playground is separated into three sections (we have three classes in each grade), and I can't interact with friends in other classes.

I think that we need to get back to the normal we had in 2019. I support SB22 because it can limit Governor DeWine's power and we can go back to normalcy again. I just want everything to go back to how it was. One of the main reasons that I am not happy about the restrictions is now I can't do extra-curricular activities. Last school year, I was doing Chess club, but it got shut down due to Covid. Another reason is the remote learning at the end of last school year. At first I thought that it would be fun to have a long break off of school. It was nice for the first week, but then I started to feel lonely. I felt that way from March 13<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>, when we finally went back to school. That was five months and 8 days. I haven't had one of my best friends over since before March 13th, 2020. It's been over a year since I've had him over because his parents are so scared of Covid-19.

Another reason would be the masks. I have to wear my mask all day long. It's hard to speak and breathe. I get reminded once a day or more to "put my mask up." I also have a hard time hearing my teachers because of the masks. I just want to see everyone's faces. One annoying thing for sure would be sanitizing. We have to spray down our desks a couple times a day, and sometimes my papers end up damp because of it. The gym teacher always tells us to get hand sanitizer, which I thought was bad for your immune system to use too much. She has to sanitize the equipment every day and that takes time out of our gym class. Sometimes the balls are wet and they slip out of our hands when we try to throw them. We have to wear a mask the whole time during gym and by the end of class, I am usually overheated.

There are a few people that have been remote for so long that I forgot they were even in my class. So on this final note, I'd like you to remember that we kids need you to end these restrictions and get back to normalcy again. I am asking you to please vote Yes on SB22. Thank you.