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Good morning Chairman, vice chairman and members of the committee. Thank you for allowing me to submit my written testimony for SB22.

The unilateral orders that have been issued by Governor Dewine and the Health Director since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic have had a direct negative effect on myself and my families well-being.

Because of the Governors orders my family has been isolated from our loved ones, one of whom died alone in a nursing home in July of 2020 because we were not allowed to see him. I have an exemption from the mask mandate yet I have been denied medical care due to the mask order. I work in a long term care facility for mentally handicapped adults. I have watched my residents be separated from their loved ones over the last year and isolated from their community due to the Governors orders. I have 40 residents I care for daily and they have not left the facility or seen their loved ones in a year because of the orders put in place.

I am also a college student earning a degree in elementary and special education. Due to the school shut downs I have been unable to complete my class requirements and field experience hours. My education, that I pay for, has suffered greatly. Why can I still go to walmart whenever I please but I cannot complete my educational requirements in the school system?

We are not a dictatorship, I am a free American and my rights have been very quickly stripped away by Governor Dewine. I am asking that you protect the American people, my family included, and hold Governor Dewine accountable for every order he attempts to pass.

Please vote "yes" on SB22