

Chairman Roegner, Vice Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the State and Local Government Committee:

As a lifelong Ohio resident and citizen, I am testifying today in favor of SB22 per this written testimonial, due to my deep and abiding concern about courses of action being taken under the current emergency powers and the dire effects it is having on us all.

I encourage and support the passing of Ohio Senate Bill-22 because I believe the ongoing state of emergency due to COVID-19, along with its mandates, rules & regulations, the closing of businesses, and the closing of schools issued to the public by the Governor of Ohio and by suggestions of the Ohio Department of Health have proven to be more harmful than good. I believe that my rights as a human being and citizen are being greatly infringed upon by those that we may have or have not voted into these official positions (who have a sworn duty to uphold and adhere to the constitution and serve the public interest of its people) and that my voice, as well as the voice of my fellow man is no longer of any matter to those who "seem" to be in charge of our well-being. Therefore, it is clearly evident that strong oversight of the decisions made by our elected officials, namely our Governor in this case, needs to be put in place in order to safeguard the well-being of each of one of us, for our lives, for our families, for our health, for our emotional well-being, and for our businesses regarding this present time, as well as future events.

SB22 restores the balance of power back to where it should be, between three, COEQUAL branches of government, and finally gives a VOICE to the PEOPLE of Ohio via their legislators during a declared emergency.

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 and unopposed orders of our over-reaching Governor.

"We the people" have spoken loud and clear regarding the current COVID-19 AGENDA. I implore you, on behalf of all Ohioans regarding these circumstances, as well as any future, similar occurrences, PLEASE stand up and protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on SB22. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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