

Written Testimony of Rachel Little
Supports SB 22
Government Oversight and Reform
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Madam Chair Roegner, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Craig and honorable members of the Government Oversight and Reform Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony regarding SB 22. I am a wife and a mother, a daughter and granddaughter. Our family relocated to Ohio from California due to the increasing totalitarian regulations from the California state government and we are one of the millions of Ohio families that have been vastly and negatively affected by our state's overreaching approach to this pandemic. Not only did I lose my job of 15 years (in a single income family), but our family has a special needs child that has not been able to receive proper care due to restrictions put on OT/PT and other healthcare visits.

I am a PROPONENT of SB 22 because I strongly believe that we need to restore checks and balances within our state government. SB 22 will do this by providing a specific process for the General Assembly to be able to rescind emergency orders and mandates issued by the Governor of Ohio or the Ohio Department of Health if the emergency orders exceed 30 days, and if the General Assembly finds that the orders are not beneficial to the majority of Ohioans. SB 22 counterbalances the authority of the Governor by putting the power back into the hands of the people we elect to represent us. It should also provide the much needed transparency as to why the Governor or the Ohio Department of Health feels the need to declare a health state of emergency for longer than 30 days.

Please vote YES on SB 22. I don't want Ohio to become California. In addition to being closer to our family, we chose to come back to Ohio because this was a state where freedoms were protected and honored.

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