

Proponent Testimony For SB 22 submitted by Deana Tareshawty, concerned citizen of Canfield, Ohio, Citizen Organizer of the Liberty Action Council of Mahoning County on February 2, 2021.

Thank you Chairwoman Roegner, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the Government Oversight and Reform Committee for allowing me to submit this testimony.

I never thought that I would ever see a day where I would be fighting for my freedoms in the United States of America and in my home state of Ohio. Yet here we are, almost a year into this state of emergency with no end in sight.

It deeply concerns me that our governor and health director do not have a plan to end this state of emergency. From watching his press conferences, it is very clear that he has no idea as to what constitutes an emergency and lacks the ability to make decisions based on solid science to justify keeping Ohioans locked down.

We have allowed the Governor to run wild with the power he has afforded himself by interpreting the Ohio Revised Code to his liking, to undermine our freedom based on cases of SARS Cov2 and not actual deaths. Last time I checked the definition of a pandemic before it was changed to meet the needs of corrupt officials, it was based on deaths not cases. This is a clear indication that he does not respect my constitutional and human rights. These rights do not become less important in a state of emergency but, in fact, become even more important.

I myself have had what is being called Covid. I am still alive. I was not hospitalized. I didn't feel the need to panic, clog up the hospital system by going in to be tested or get any medication for it. I was mildly ill for a few days and completely recovered by increasing my intake of vitamin C, D and zinc. This is also the case for many others that I know who have had "Covid". From my experience and observations of this "disease", we don't need to be locked down or vaccinated against it. The real disease here is a corrupted data pool with no transparency and a need for a Special Oversight Committee. We have fear mongering at its best pushing us to a vaccine while ignoring other alternative therapies and ignoring data.

I do not trust the data being provided to me by my Governor for many reasons. The main reason is that no autopsies have been performed on any person stated as dying of "Covid". How can we know for certain that these deaths are indeed from "Covid"? One of the primary means of establishing causation with respect to any contagion in an epidemic is to autopsy the bodies of the dead. This has been a cornerstone of analysis in past epidemics to determine severity of the outbreak.

Another important reason I do not trust the data provided to me is that of causation. Causation of Covid-19 symptoms from SARS-COV2 has never been proved. Of the small number of studies on this, most say 'probable link' or 'probable causation,' neither of which is proof of causation.

And the final important reason to not trust the data is that there has been a lack of investigation and study into alternative therapies and treatments for Covid. We have been pushed into masks, social distancing and a harmful experimental drug touted as a vaccine.

I am passionate about putting checks and balances into place to safeguard freedom and human rights. As a result of these unconstitutional mandates, my business has suffered. I have witnessed business of family and friends suffer. I have witnessed my young family members battle depression at being forced to wear a mask to school and have activities cut.

I was robbed of precious moments in my life that I will never get back due to this unchecked power of the Governor. I buried my father, a Vietnam Veteran, without the celebration that he was due for his service to our country. Ten people were allowed to celebrate his life! There are more than ten people in my immediate family, so some of his grandchildren had to stay home and not say goodbye to him. I watched my daughter, a single mother, struggle through college to graduate Suma Cum Laude, only to be denied the honor of receiving her diploma in person. Same for my youngest son, who was robbed of his senior year at high school. We stood at the bottom of our driveway and a bus stopped to drop off his diploma. Now, my older son has put his life on hold by not getting married. Why bother when you can't celebrate with your family.

This is how the unchecked state of emergency effects real people. And real people are growing tired of it. We are tired of hearing how we must sacrifice. If such a sacrifice worked I would support it and do my part. It is time for real action and real answers through the checks and balances of SB22.

I am asking you to please support SB22. Please stop this tyrannical rule over the people of Ohio. No government, one person, or office should have absolute power and control over the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness of an individual. If people want to wear masks and get vaccinated, that is their right and I am all for it. But this must remain a matter of choice and I want my right to refuse to be protected. I am very concerned that it will not, unless the Governor and Health Director are restricted in their overreach of Covid mandates by legislative oversight.

Respectfully,  
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