

Chairman Roegner, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Craig, an honorable member of the Government Oversight and Reform Committee.

Good Evening my name is Stephen Weaver, I am a fellow Ohioan, who is writing to you today in support of SB22.

I wanted to 1st thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony regarding SB22. I wanted to express my concerns to you about the current situation and government overreach and lack of checks and balances that we have seen during the course of 2020 and continuation in 2021. I truly feel we need checks and balances with anything in our government. Our governor has taken his "power" and gone way above what he is assigned to do. I had called into my legislature many times often to share my concerns on what Dewine was doing. I was often met with understanding and unfortunately a response that eluded that their hands were tied as well. It was also disheartening that our governor would turn off all communication from the very people he was suppose to be representing and protecting. I am highly disappointed in his on-going actions in regard to this pandemic, there has NOT been proper evaluation of any of the data, small businesses have closed, elderly have died alone without the support of their loved ones, children are being isolated.

The ramifications to our youth and how all of this will truly impact future generations is concern to say the least, all in the manner of a virus. I do understand that for some the virus can be deadly and some prevention should happen, but to basically punish healthy individuals and hurt our overall economy, to me anyways, doesn't seem to be the right direction.

Please support and vote yes on SB22, lets try to fix what has been damaged and prevent future damage from happening.

Thank you
Stephen Weaver