

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair McColley, ranking member Craig, and the honored members of the government oversight and reform committee

Dear honorable members of government:

I hope everyone is having a wonderful day? I am writing to you on behalf of SB22. I feel that Ohioans have not had a say in our government since the start of this epidemic, and their voices need to be heard. The governor's mandates are hurting all Ohioans, and helping very few. The governor should have the ability to declare a state of emergency, but it should not last longer than 30 days. Our government is not set up for one man to make ALL decisions for an extended amount of time.

I cannot find any data to support how mandates in our state, and across the country, are saving lives? I **can** find data that shows the same bell curve in all states from November until mid December regardless of the different mandates put in place. I see the news every night stating how masks save lives, but offer no data or studies that prove their statements. Last spring Amy Acton stated that 2 million Ohioans could die from this virus. Her predictions were way off, and I am glad they were incorrect for the people of Ohio.

We have almost a year's worth of data to peruse. If you look at the data and compare it to when mandates were put in place you will see no difference in the data, and this plays out in all the states that I observed. A virus will do what a virus does, and no mask or mandates will stop it. Can we also decide what amplification cycles to test and decide what determines a "case"?

-We need to define our parameters so we have accurate data to make informed decisions.

Please follow the data and see what is actually happening in our state. Schools and small businesses have been hit the hardest although there is no data that shows major spread of the virus from these establishments. The random curfew has had no significance in cases or hospitalizations. If the government would allow businesses to reopen without restrictions we would not have to rely on the federal "state of emergency" money.

Can we please pass SB22 and look at **ALL** the data and make a cost/benefit analysis to determine our best path going forward? Free will cannot be taken away from the American people. We need a voice in our government.

Thank you for your time, and have a fantastic day,  
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