

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Craig, and the Honored Members of the Government Oversight and Reform Committee:

I am writing to ask that you support and vote yes on SB22.

Our great country was founded by men who understood that there needs to be checks and balances in our government so that no one person becomes too powerful and tyrannical. You, the members of our state legislature, are an important part of those checks and balances that has been ignored for the past ten plus months. You were elected to be the representatives and voice of your constituents. Yet, Governor DeWine has ignored you and the people you represent.

I am asking that you vote to approve SB22 so that the power is shared by the legislators and Governor DeWine.

I am a retired teacher. I have remained involved in the school system by subbing and volunteering since my retirement. I have watched neighborhood children learn remotely and I can honestly say that these children have lost more than a year of education. I was an intervention specialist for 30 years. By not opening up schools, the state of Ohio is denying many children with IEPs the right to a Free and Appropriate Education as required by federal law.

As a life long resident of Ohio, I have seen many small businesses close permanently. The owners of these businesses put their heart, soul, and life's savings into these businesses only to have them shut down due to a virus that has a recovery rate (according to the CDC) of over 99% for those up to age 69 and 94.6% for older people. Many of these businesses had been around for decades and employed dozens of people. During a motorcycle ride through southern Ohio last fall, I saw groceries closed. Churches were for sale. Restaurants that were boarded up and for sale. Life was stopped by Governor DeWine and an appointed health director, without input from the other branch of government--You.

Please vote yes on SB22.

Sincerely,

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