

Chair Roegner  
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Honored Members of the Government Oversight and Reform Committee,

Good morning. I want to support passage of Senate Bill 27. Governor DeWine and his administration's actions as an unchecked executive branch claiming an emergency for a year must be reigned in. Without legislative and judicial oversight, he has overstepped his constitutional, legal, and ethical boundaries in subjecting all Ohio citizens to economic and mental health disaster.

What was initially temporary orders to 'slow the spread' to keep hospitals from being overrun has turned into a perpetual police state with the goal of stopping the virus. Stopping the virus will never happen, and it is naive to think and enforce unscientific and illegal orders otherwise.

These orders have impacted me and my family directly in these ways:

- We have not been able to go to church in almost a year
- My son's senior year of high school and celebration of his achievement was ruined by the governor's orders
- My daughter and son's college educational impact and experience has been significantly impacted. Going to college should not mean living 24/7 in a dorm under essentially house arrest, and doing all classwork via Zoom. And, being forced to have covid screenings though asymptomatic (against the testing manufacturers and other guidelines) so the universities can show how politically correct they are as they violate student rights.
- This was the first Thanksgiving EVER I have not spent with my parents.
- I have an Aunt, his last remaining sibling, with dementia in a nursing home my Dad has been unable to visit for the last year. My cousin has just now started to be able to 'visit' under very strict guidelines, but now his mother's condition has deteriorated to where she does not know him now. How much of this deterioration was caused by the lack of human interaction?
- My parents were caring for my disabled cousin and trying to get him placed in a nursing home at the beginning of last year. Because of all the restrictions, they could not place him until just before Thanksgiving. Of course, there's not been visitation until very recently. The effort required for my elderly parents to care for my cousin most of the year took a toll on their health. Was that factored into the orders that have no end date?
- My relationships with family, both immediate and extended, have been strained as a result of the orders and reactions to their need and legality.
- I work in my basement now. I now rarely see coworkers I have worked with for almost 30 years.
- I have witnessed how many people are now so afraid of living and being around others.

This is wrong constitutionally, legally, and morally.

This bill needs to be passed so one person cannot hold the state hostage. An 'emergency' should not go past 30 days without legislative oversight with more locally accountable elected officials.

Thank you for allowing me to tell how the governor's unchecked orders have impacted me, and why this bill should be passed immediately.

Regards,

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