

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair McColley,

Ranking Member Craig and the

Honorable Members of the Government

Oversight and Reform Committee:

My name is Winona Sodd. Thank you

for taking time to hear my experiences.

Since the Governors extensive orders my

life has become much of that of a shut

in. I carry medical documentation of my

inability to wear a mask or shield written

on prescription pad from my doctor due

to severe PTSD from domestic abuse

and uncontrolled asthma. Due to my

physical condition I already didnt get out

much but now this mandate and

individuals unwillingness to read the

exclusions section my life became harder

than it already was.

Here is just a couple examples. Going

into different Kroger locations the
mandate has been deciphered by
management differentially. Visiting one in
Columbus Ohio my saying I have a
medical condition and offering my note
was enough. The store in Jackson Ohio
' manager tried to tell me he was
following DeWines mandate by telling me
I couldnt be in the store without a mask
because the Governors office said so.
Attempting to show him the actual order
allowed medical exemptions was like
talking to a wall. Four calls to corporate
office later and now hes trying to make
people sign some sort of paper to enter
without a mask. Im still in contact with
Krogers corporate over this.

On other occasions I was flat refused

service by other stores claiming the mask mandate gave them the authority to do so. Rowdys restaurant in Jackson Ohio refused to seat me and told me if I couldnt wear a mask i could order "to go". They would be happy to take my money for me to order at the same register and push me into isolation at home. Nothing mattered to the lady there. they refused to let me walk 5 feet to a table without a mask with medical statement in hand? How much different was my walking to the table than the crowded restaraunt full of people who had masks off??

My 74 year old father ended up with an issue that put him in a rehab facility. His

significant other nor I could see him for several months due to policies. His 1st 2 weeks there he was in isolation. After 2.. . YES TWO negative COVID tests they STILL quarentined him 2 WEEKs and would not even allow him his things including his cell phone or laptop to let us know how he was!! Also done in DeWines name mind you. At the same time My friends father recently died alone in the hospital because the family wasnt allowed to visit her dying father!! For the record it was not a COVID death.

How humane, right?

The last example I will give was trying to buy something game related for my grandson. The Soldiery in Columbus also told me I had to leave so they didnt

violate the Governor's order. If you can't see what you're buying it often doesn't match. It was OK to ask me to stand in the freezing cold while that employee with his mask below his nose was told he could serve me curbside. (Mind you I

have also chronic pain condition and back issues. I also have a handicapped placard and walk with a cane. In addition to the doctor's note on prescription pad.)

Sure I want to stand in the cold while their employee brings me 100 of the wrong thing.

These are prime examples of how people should NOT be treated and worse done so in the State of Ohio's name! In a year we went from just till we flatten the curve, to just till a vaccine, to a year later and we had done both yet still being treated like CHILDREN with curfews,

mask mandates, threats to businesses to fine or close them that CAUSE them to treat customers this badly. Where does this end?? How many disabled folks like myself are you going to let Dewine kick around?? Isolation is a known killer and now the rise in suicides and drug overdoses prove this. Why is any of this ok?? When will you put an end to this nightmare??

Again, thank you for taking time to hear my personal experiences. Please pass SB22 and end this insanity.

Sincerely,

Winona Sodd
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From Jackson County Ohio