

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

My name is Hillary Butcher and I have lived and loved Ohio since the day I was born in Delaware at Grady Memorial Hospital. I am a mother to two young boys, whom I proudly raise outside of Columbus.

I have always loved Ohio and I have always been a law-abiding citizen. I consider myself an avid OSU fan and true American Patriot.

What has happened in and to our country is completely baffling to me. What some government officials have allowed to and supported to happen to The American Dream is more than concerning, it's absolutely disgraceful.

I know many small business owners who have been largely affected by the "two-week" shutdown. A shutdown that every single person I know took seriously; took as life.. or death. And for some, it cost them their lives.

But here we are. February of 2021. Still living in a society that looks as though it is ran by bank robbers. A society that I am afraid of. A society that is filled with gloom and fear.

How many Americans must lose everything? How many Americans must lose their jobs, homes, businesses, children or loved ones to things much bigger than what the numbers of this "pandemic" have actually proved to be?

Why are we listening to 3rd party companies that are funded by groups with conflicting interests; people who HATE America and the promises and freedoms we stand for?

The numbers don't make sense. The numbers have been grouped with numbers for the flu, pneumonia, cardiac arrest and more. The numbers have been heavily weighted and adjusted for "probably counts." The rapid testing machines have been proved even during other illness "pandemics" to be highly inaccurate.

How long do we endure the tyranny? How long do Ohioans need to suffer?

I got sent home in March as non-essential worker. As a mother of two little ones it was challenging to say the least - but I didn't have it the worst.

As someone who suffers with anxiety, going out in public feeling as though I'm suffocating myself and also confusing my children, I am petrified everytime I'm out. What if someone tried to take my children or myself? Could anyone identify them or us? Human trafficking is a real threat to our society and here we are delivering opportunities on a SILVER PLATTER.

The worst thoughts circulate in my mind each and every day.

THIS IS NOT FREEDOM. It is unconstitutional to determine what an American citizen can or cannot wear.

I am ashamed of Governor Dewine's decisions. And I question his reasons and relationships in current investigations.

I am ashamed that we as Ohioans accepted more substance abuse in order to keep people "safe" from something that's not a real threat.

I am ashamed that I ever considered someone who wasn't wearing their mask, a threat. Or irresponsible.

I am ashamed that our children have been used as guinea pigs in this social experiment on obedience. And I am fearful for the consequences they will face from this unheard of event.

Please, I beg you - don't let this go on any longer.

We love our country. We love our home and we love our children.

Praying for us all,
Hillary