

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

Please vote yes on SB22. I am a proponent of SB22 because I strongly believe that the governor of Ohio and the unelected director of the Ohio Department of Health should not have limitless control over the lives of the citizens of Ohio. Over the last 11 months, the governor has failed to uphold the constitution and defend our inalienable rights. Many Ohioans are suffering under the unlawful mandates of Governor Mike DeWine and the Director of Health. The governor's gross overreach of power has caused anxiety, depression, increased thoughts of suicide, emotional and financial stress, unemployment, business closures, loss of livelihood, increased drug and alcohol addiction, increased domestic violence and child abuse, just to name a few. It is absolutely vital to remove this level of power from the unelected director of the ODH and the governor and put it back in the hands of the people, via the elected representatives through SB22. Ohioans deserve the right to decide for themselves how to best take care of their health and safety. Many doctors believe that masks should not be mandated. Masks have not proven to be effective in preventing viral transmission. Masks are dehumanizing, useless, and even harmful to some wearers. Many people, due to certain health conditions, cannot wear a mask and they have, unfortunately, had to endure public shaming, bullying, and verbal and physical attacks. The governor has considerably exceeded his authority and unconstitutionally mandated ineffective policies, resulting in the perpetual loss of freedom. It is crucial to include our elected representatives in the decision-making process to regain our constitutional freedoms and the rights of generations to come. As our elected representatives, it is your responsibility to defend the liberties of Ohioans. I urge you to vote YES on SB22.

Sincerely,

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