

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: February 3, 2021

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): N/A

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): SB 22

Specific Issue: Proponent of SB 22

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

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How much time will your testimony require? Written Testimony Only

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

Please see attached - Written Testimony Only (not in person)

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Chairman Roegner, Vice Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the State and Local Government Committee:

I am testifying today in favor of SB22 as an Ohio resident deeply concerned about courses of action being taken under the current emergency powers and the dire effects it is having on all of us. Additionally, my family has been severely impacted by the continued policies and mandates that our governor has put in place.

As a parent of a special needs child, it has been extremely difficult if not impossible for our son to receive Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy when his school is shut down (he is on an IEP). This affects our ability to get the services our son needs so he can be successful in life (and a productive member of society). Our Governor's mandates CONTINUES to hamper the special needs community across all of Ohio.

Additionally, our family has been further affected by the mandates as we have had a recent close member of our family pass away in December of 2020. An Uncle died in a nursing facility with NO FAMILY ALLOWED to be present and ONLY 25 people to be allowed at his funeral. I wasn't able to attend the funeral either. Nobody from our family was allowed to be with him when he passed away. This is WRONG and needs to be corrected.

This bill restores the balance of power to where it should be, between the three, COEQUAL branches of government, and finally gives a VOICE to the PEOPLE of Ohio via their legislators during a declared emergency.

Our businesses, our economy, our social and emotional well-being and the future of our children is on the line. Our state cannot thrive under the continued oppressive and unopposed orders of our over-reaching Governor.

Please stand up and protect our personal liberties and the future of our state by voting YES on SB22!

Thank you,



(signed)

Craig N. Kessler

Fairfield Twp., Ohio Resident