

Chairwoman Roegner, Vice Chairmain McColley, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the State & Local Government Committee.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in favor of Senate Bill 22 as a lifetime Ohio law abiding taxpaying resident I'm deeply upset about the actions taken by Governor or shall I say Dictator Dewine & former Ohio Department of Public health director Amy Acton. I would like to tell you how the actions & restrictions have effected me. My dad died on December 14<sup>th</sup>, just 11 days before Christmas. My dad was sick non covid related & no one not even my mom my dads wife of 51 years could see my dad in the hospital. I know everyone says this about this about there dad but my dad was the most unselfish strongest hardworking man there was. He worked his whole life to provide the best he could for his family even working overtime to send me to college. My dad wasn't properly treated in the hospital & one of the nurses at the hospital even told me that Covid patients seem to be the top priority. So my dad being really sick didn't count like Covid patients. Then I thought about for a minute that all Mike Dewine has talked about for the past 9 months. All his briefings does he ever talk about anyone else? Because of my dad being sick him not being able to see his family for approximately 2 weeks in the hospital he basically gave up & in my 48 years on this earth I've only heard my dad cry 4 times & one of those times were in the hospital not knowing what is going on not being able to see his family. Due to this the time he got out of the hospital his body was so worn down both physically & emotionally from fighting C diff he just couldn't catch up. I thought he was turning the corner until Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> at about 9a.m. in the morning I get a call telling me that my dad collapsed on the bathroom floor. I immediately threw a pair of shoes on & ran out the door thinking that he just fell & he was going to be fine. No I get less then five minutes down the road & I got a phone call that no one wants to ever hear that my dad was gone. I would of done anything to tell him I loved him & he was the best dad again like I had just a couple of days before but I didn't get the chance. As a Christian as my dad was my only thing that got me threw things were knowing that I'll see him on the other side some day & he went to heaven. It possibly didn't have to come to this. What if we we're able to see him in the hospital? I didn't get that chance because of Mike Dewines restrictions. What Mike has done in the state of Ohio is unconstitutional. I'm a huge student of the constitution & I actually just finished taking a class in. There are only two way the constitution can be suspended. In Article 1, Section 9, Clause 2 the only way it can be suspended is in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it. On my way driving here today I didn't see any foreign armies nor did I see rebellions. So my question to you the same question I asked when I testified in favor of House Bill 618 in November when I couldn't see my dad in the hospital at the time is why are we letting Richard Michael Dewine getting away with violating the oldest continuing charter of Government in the World the US constitution. He swore to preserve, protect & defend the constitution. I love our founders the only thing I wish they would of put in that constitution was if someone violated what they swore they could be removed from office by the people. See We The People hold the power without our votes Mike Dewine isn't our governor. We the people put our trust in you when we elect you as our Senators the same as our representatives. We are a government by, for & of the people. Our representatives work for us not the other way around. Dewine has already shown he is on a power trip & he has vetoed the other bills so will he just veto this bill & without a 3/5ths majority vote in both chamber then will the bill be dead again? Is the only way to solve this problem is to impeachment? Mike Dewine runs around going crazy about people wearing masks meanwhile his son is in a Cincinnati restaurant running around with several people maskless not social distancing while the rest of us have to worry about a \$750 fine? Will Mike Dewine make sure his son gets a citation just so his son can throw it out in the supreme court. Rules are for the elites not the common people that pay

there salaries. I really like Ron DeSantis as a Governor a former combat veteran hero & I'll quote him what he said the other day "Our founding fathers were deliberate in the enshrinement of our rights in Constitution to ensure that we the people were guaranteed protection against those violate our rights." End of quote. Our founders unfortunately feared that there would be a tyrannical form of government that may someone become like King George when he rose against the colonists 230 years in what were seeing today in Governor Dewine, Whitmer, Wolf, Cuomo & Newsom & many more. I have the privilege of having a pharmacist for a wife & I was a fraud investigator for a large company so she shows me the figures everyday of Covid19 & the survival rates of this virus with someone who has no co morbidities is just as high as the seasonal flu but we don't shut down every year for that. How could he shut some businesses down in March & consider liquor stores, selling lottery tickets & cigarettes essential. I'll tell you why it doesn't take a genius the state makes too much money from the taxes off of those items. If Mike Dewine is so concerned about the health of Ohioans why doesn't he ban cigarettes since tobacco related illnesses kill approximately 400,000 Americans every year according to the CDC & second hand smoke kills approximately 25,000 people indirectly but we can't ban those because the government makes too much money from the taxes. In closing if Mike Dewine thinks these cotton mask stop the Covid droplet that is 0.1 microns which I'll put in to better perspective its four millionths of an inch small. If anyone thinks these masks are stopping that droplet just look at the little holes in your mask & if you think it stops it I have some oceanfront property to sell you in Springfield. And how many families are going to go through what mine went through my birthday was Monday & I dreaded it because I knew my dad woudn't be calling me to say Happy Birthday. How many families are these restrictions going to go through this by not seeing there loved ones in nursing homes like my best friend is going through right now not seeing his step dad who is going down hill. Enough is enough my grandfather didn't come back from World War I with a disability for us to become a communist country. I thank everyone for listening to me & may God Bless you all, the state of Ohio & the USA. I pray you all do the right thing & put an end to Mike Dewines tyranny.