

I'm nearing the point where I'm begging like many other Ohioans for relief from Mike Dewine. Senator Lang's office told me that I could contact you and share some of what has gone on in my personal life with you guys that hopefully will help pass this legislation to restore the checks and balances. I am 37 and I am disabled. The bureau of vocational rehab after years of failure for me has successfully placed me in a job my job coach is gone and things were going well. The mask mandates that Mike Dewine has forced and his weaponizing of the Ohio health department has wreaked havoc on my life. The medical exemption that my doctor wrote me my job won't honor because they are afraid of being unconstitutionally shut down for it. When somebody comes into the store typically a Karen and sees a mask pulled down for a variety of reasons they call the health department and we get an unwanted and unnecessary visit. The propaganda and fear that he spreads every day has real life consequences. I have struggled since this has started and since management forced me to wear a mask and not honored my doctor's note because they're afraid of getting shut down this has led to numerous confrontations with some customers. For me it's gotten bad enough that I landed back in counseling something I haven't needed for over 5 years to deal with his unconstitutional mandates and the consequences of them and while that's been helpful it's been an added expense that wouldn't be there if it wasn't for this. Outside of work I've pretty much had to abandon my volunteer job that I love because of his mandates I rarely get to go and do things I want to do anymore because I can't be indoors wearing a mask for prolonged periods of time (I do wear one when I'm closely around people). When I do try to get out I've had several confrontations because of The mask issue as well after a prolonged period of time wearing it. Mike Dewine has robbed me of my joy as well. My parents are aging I didn't get to see them in the last three holidays because they're terrified they're going to get sick based on his guidelines and his inflated numbers. To some this may sound silly but I missed the death of a cherished pet because I wasn't allowed to go say my final goodbyes. Just as real life people are missing their chance to be with their loved ones who are dying in nursing homes. Locally some of our businesses have gone out because they were shut down and didn't recover from it others are struggling because they're not allowed to reach their full capacity. Most of them did not want to close down and most of us citizens would have continued to shop there had they not while at the same time big chains like Walmart were allowed to stay open. The added toll of me having to start counseling I might add has been an extra cost for me. I work part-time and I receive social security that expense was one that I didn't need until he started all this. Now he wants to raise the cost of the BMV as well so that's more money coming out of my limited budget pocket. I don't drink but I've started drinking because I am so stressed out over the things that are going on that I want to do that I would be doing but only can't do because of his unconstitutional orders. I know I'm not the only one who has been hurt by his orders and more ways than one and he does not care it's his way in his way only in his eyes. I think I speak for most Ohioans when I say we're adults and we want to make our own decisions on risk when it comes to the stuff not having some one in office who forces his will over ours and tries to micromanage our lives. Officials in office are supposed to be servants of the people not dictators and tyrants. He does not represent nor listen to the cries of his constituents. Please help us that's really all I can say. Nobody is saying this virus isn't real if you call the health department and you ask for an idea of how many people have had the flu this year it appears that it is disappeared and everything is being labeled covid. Covid has a very high recovery for the relatively healthy population it's a very real illness but it's not what it's being made out to be. Just all I can say again is please help restore the checks and balances of the judicial executive and legislative

branch Mike dewine is abusing his position with no oversight and no end in sight. Thank you very much I hope to hear back from you this is very important to me and many others here in Ohio.

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