

Chairman Roegner, Vice Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Craig, and the honored members of the State and Local Government Oversight and Reform 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 my family and friends.

My children have faced anxiety when going out in public this past year, even having panic attacks and having to leave a store. On a long road trip to visit family, there was anxiety to the point of not wanting to use a restroom during the trip, nor wanting to exit the car once we arrived.

I am very concerned with family and friends that are still not going out and continue to order their groceries online. They have been isolated so much longer than us.

For example, a friend's daughter recently posted about her struggle with depression on social media. **The struggle is real.** Her parents have been isolating and not visiting. She didn't get a job (because it didn't exist) after working there as an intern and receiving her Masters from OSU this past summer. She is having to rely on her parents to pay for her rent and living expenses. I pray to God this young lady has the strength to survive this ordeal, which could have been avoided. She needs a job and to get on with her life.

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!

Very respectfully,

Marlene Underwood