



June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Chairman Huffman, Vice Chairman Naraj Antani and Ranking Minority Member Nickie Antonio, my name is David Maywhoor and I am Executive Director of the Ohio Public Health Association. I am writing as a proponent of SR10 introduced by Senator Tina Maharath.

Each month when our Governing Board meets our meeting agenda has the following set of data at the top of our work. I want the members of our Board to remember what this year has been like.

Confirmed Cases of COVID19 in Ohio As of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 38,536; As of July 13, 2020 – 62,913; As of August 26, 2020 – 111,331; As of September 21, 2020 – 137,309; As of October 29, 2020 – 193,451; As of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 289,593; As of January 26, 2021 – 760,837; As of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 854,116; As of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 879,480; As of May 17, 2021 – 915,141; As of 6/14/21 – 926,189

Hospitalizations at 6/15/20: 6,948 and 7/13/20: 8,915 and 8/26/20: 13,043 and 9/21/20: 14,829 and 10/29 18,606 and 10/16: 22,478 and 1/25/21 – 44,981; 3/16/21 – 51,756; 4/12/21 – 54,167; 5/17/21 – 58,049; 6/14/21 59,928

Deaths: 1,657 Deaths As of 5/18/2020; 2,573 Deaths as of 6/15/2020 – 2,807 Deaths as of 7/13/2020

3761 Deaths as of 8/26/20 – 4,623 Deaths as of 9/21/20 – 5,256 Deaths as of 10/29/20 – 5,742 Deaths as of 11/16/2020 – 9,602 Deaths as of 1/25/21 – 18,114 deaths as of 3/16/21 – 18,827 deaths as of 4/12/21 – 19,528 deaths as of 5/17/21 – deaths as of 20,091

This data comes from the Ohio Department of Health COVID19 website and is readily available to all. It is a stark reminder not just of those who have died, but of the many Ohioans whose lives have been disrupted by this pandemic. People who did not get to say goodbye in the manner to which they are accustomed. People who could not visit their mothers and fathers in assisted care facilities.

Most of us knew all along that this was a temporary interruption of our lives and livelihoods. We knew that simple acts like masking, keeping safe distances and getting vaccinated would bend the curve of COVID19. We are seeing the benefit of that work now. But we cannot forget those who served the health care needs, those who succumbed to this terrible disease and the families who must now move forward as best they can.

Let us, through clear words like those in SR10, say to all of Ohio that we remember, we honor the dead, and we stand firm in our resolve to provide aid and comfort to those left behind. Please vote to support Senate Resolution 10.

Thank you, David Maywhoor, Executive Director, Ohio Public Health Association