

HB618 Proponent Testimony

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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony regarding HB 618. I am a proponent of HB618.

I believe that 1 or 2 persons should not have this much power to decide or make medical and economic decisions for the well-being of the entire state. The Ohio Revised Code must be reviewed and revised to include legislation and public decisions on what is best for Ohioans. Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health have gone against our constitutional rights to decide what is best for our own health and the health of our family. It is not our governments job to decide what we do for our health or how to live our lives, it is our own. I also believe that he has a team of physicians and nurses that best fit his narrative without the opposing side. There are many physicians and nurses that have come forward that do not agree with the mandates, masks or locking down our economy.

Governor DeWine's previous mandatory lockdown has been nothing short of devastating to all of us including our small businesses at which some may have no return. Our businesses have followed every order and mandate from the Governor and are still being threatened of closure even though there's no data or evidence to show these places are super spreaders. The mask mandates have pinned us against each other and now include a mask police taskforce. We are now to a point where we are contact traced, we are spied on, we are fined, and now the threat of business closures if we don't comply. Does this sound like the America we know and what to live in? We have heard over and over, just a few more weeks, just another month, just a little longer. We are done with the games. We are done being told what to do and how to live our lives. We choose our freedoms of life and health over any risk of covid.

With a virus that has a 99% survival rate and most can recover at home, where are the justifications for a state of emergency and lockdowns? If we reflect our attention back to the 2009 H1N1, there were no lockdowns or state of emergencies. We continued life as we knew it. Where is the justification to locking down and making health mandates now?

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony. I strongly encourage you to listen to us Ohioans. Listen to how this has affected our children, schools, work places, our daily lives. We must remember that COVID-19 is not the only health concern we have. We must retract any previous, present, and future mandates. We must revise the Ohio Code and take the power out of DeWine's hands. If we don't, what further more will he do to the lives of Ohioans?

We must keep our freedoms!

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