Dear Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee: Thank you for allowing me to sponsor testimony for HB 618. I feel it is crucial to our freedom and democratic republic to uphold the constitution. Our government was founded to protect the inalienable rights of its citizens, not to make decisions for them. We must allow each citizen to assess the personal risk of their choices and act appropriately, like with hundreds of other decisions they make on a daily basis. We cannot allow our Governor and Ohio Department of Health to make decisions for everyone without adhering to the proper checks and balances that have protected individual liberties since our Declaration was sealed by our founding fathers, some 244 years ago. What is right for one person, is not right for all!

Sincerely, Brittney Nickell