

November 12, 2020

RE: House Bill 618 - Need Ohio Working (NOW) Act

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 write to you not just on behalf of myself, but on behalf of my husband who served this country proudly in the USMC, on behalf of my young daughter who is beginning her new career, on behalf of my elderly mother, on behalf of my neighbors and local businesses owners who have had to shut the doors to their businesses forever, but most importantly, I write to you on behalf of the future generations who will not know liberty if we do not restore our Republic.

Governor DeWine has overstepped, and usurped authority not delegated to him by the people of Ohio. He erroneously uses health codes intended for the sick to impose restrictions on healthy Ohioans. There is a process set in place, a legislative process that is supposed to prevent a single person from abusing their authority and acting like a king.

The fallout from DeWine's unconstitutional mandates, is more harmful than this coronavirus is or ever will be. Life is full of risks, and WE THE PEOPLE, can make decisions for ourselves and our families. The impact of these mandates has caused an increase in addictions, family violence, child hunger, suicides and economic destruction for Ohio businesses and supply chains.

I am requesting that each of the representatives for the State of Ohio vote YES!!!! On House Bill 618 - Need Ohio Working (NOW) Act.

Restore our Republic and Let Ohioans get back to work.

I will leave you with these words:

"These are the times that try men's souls; the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

Thomas Paine
The American Crisis" December 19, 1776

Thank you for your time.

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