

Dear Chairman Wiggam, Vice-Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and Members of the House State and Local Government Committee, '

I write to you as an Ohio resident, parent of two children, Ohio business owner, and science teacher.

I support this bill because I believe that two people, one who is not elected, have had far too much power in our state and the Ohio Revised Code needs to be changed so that this does not happen again.

I have followed the data and the models from the beginning and believe our state's response to the pandemic does not match up with what the data has told us.

Small businesses have been ruined or severely affected due to the shutdowns, economic destruction, and the fear created by our governor and health director, including my chiropractic office. Seniors are dying from isolation and depression. My children are being denied a proper education and forced to wear masks all day which is ridiculous and unhealthy.

This virus has over a 99% survivability rate. Our state is in economic ruin, due to the decisions of people who are still collecting their full salary while the rest of us suffer.

The mountain of data on coronavirus does not support the policies enacted and I implore you to vote yes on HB 618 so that Ohioans can get back to normal and have the freedom to live our lives and run our businesses as we see fit, and determine our own choices with the risks we are willing to undertake.

My family is considering leaving Ohio and moving ourselves and our business to Florida or Georgia, which have governors that are willing to stand up for their citizens. I have heard that there may be more shutdowns or curfews coming here, we are being left with no other choice.

Thank you,  
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