

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee: Thank you for allowing me proponent testimony for HB 618.

It has been a difficult eight months of the COVID-19 state of emergency. While I have not contracted the virus myself, nor suffered significant economic disruption, or job loss, I have been psychologically traumatized by seeing my fellow Ohioans have to walk away from their livelihoods and life dreams under threat of harm. Since March, I have found myself worrying every day about the future of Ohio and whether I will still like living in this state in future years. I would not be surprised if others feel the same way. If HB 618 is passed, this trauma will be recovered from, and the fate of Ohio will no longer be under the arbitrary whims of the Ohio Department of Health, but those who actually represent all Ohioans.

Sincerely,

Grady Edward Stuckman

Bowling Green, Wood County (since August 2020)

Steubenville, Jefferson County (before August 2020)