

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.

For over 6 months, we've been following Governor DeWine's mandates. He has crossed the constitutional line too many times and it is time for the State Representatives of the citizens of Ohio to end his unlawful dictatorship. His mandates have increased deaths by suicides, overdoses, and unattended medical conditions. The increased rates of depression, substance abuse, physical abuse, stress, financial hardships, closed businesses, and numerous other terrible effects of these lock-downs are more dangerous to Ohioans than COVID infections. As a teacher and mother of 3, the long-term damage these mandates are doing to the social-emotional and academic development of Ohio children is absolutely deplorable and inexcusable-a crime against our children! Do not stand by idly and allow it to continue.

Governor DeWine does not have the legal authority to weaponize the BWC, shut down businesses, or tell families not to gather and celebrate a national holiday. Please stop this madness and restore the balance of our government by supporting HB 618.

Sincerely,
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