

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

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony regarding HB 618.

I am a concerned citizen, my husband and I are small business owners, and we have school aged children. Our family has been directly impacted by Ohio's lockdowns and we are deeply concerned about our viability should another lockdown take place.

We do not feel like our voices have been heard despite our attempts. We do not feel as though our freedoms have been protected by those we elected to represent us. We need that to change.

While our physical health is important, the drastic, unprecedented actions our government has taken is detrimental to our mental, spiritual, and even our economic health. We believe that the government's job is not to protect our health but to protect our freedoms! Health Departments have their place in educating the public and helping them to make good decisions, but these measures far exceed that responsibility.

I support HB 618 as it limits the power of unelected officials and allows those that are elected to do the will of the people they represent.

Please support HB 618.

Thank you,
Jennifer Rotruck