

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 strongly approve HB 618 and would like to see it become law as soon as possible, in order to prevent any governor from again attempting to create mandates or orders with the weight of law, but without input from the legislature. It is not the governor's job to make laws, and when he has the power to bypass the legislative process and to give orders with the weight of law, he has become a dictator. This goes against our Constitution, and everything that our country was built upon. I feel like my freedoms have been trampled on for the past several months because our governor now seems to think he is also the legislature, and has caused severe damage to our economy and to the mental, physical, and financial health of many of Ohio's citizens.

I am a veteran and own a small business which will be put out of business by Dewine's mandates and unconstitutional fines. I took an oath to defend the constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. Dewine is a domestic enemy trampling on the constitution, everyone who took an oath must defend the constitution.

Thank you,

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