

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

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

I am a small business owner with 2 small children and have been greatly financially affected by these orders. My husband is a front line worker for over 20 years, he believes these measures are having more of a negative impact on overall health than Covid itself. I urge all of you to support this piece of legislation that limits the Ohio Department of Health Director's authority and allows checks and balances for any order by requiring approval from Ohio's General Assembly. Our State Representatives and Senators are the voice of Ohioans.

Ohioans are suffering, yes from COVID-19, but also from mental health and financial burdens brought on by these measures by an unelected official with no input from Ohioans or our elected officials. You have the power and ability to stand up for your constituents and change course to impact every Ohioan by supporting HB 618. Please, I implore you support HB 618. Thank you. Kelly Hill, Franklin County.