

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

As the President of Ohio Advocates for Medical freedom, I and other members of our board, have received an innumerable amount of frantic calls, emails, and FB messages, from Ohioans pleading for help to counter medical mandates placed on them by our governor, their employer, their college, or their children's school. Individuals are being forced to choose between standing up for their sincerely held religious beliefs, and their medical conditions, or keeping their jobs, finishing their last year of college, or keeping their children in school.

Why?

Because the legislators and citizens of our state and have unknowingly allowed it.

The Ohio Revised Code has granted executive emergency powers that have zero definition of what constitutes a "public health emergency". It set no limitations on what extent the governor could control businesses, our elections, or even our private lives.

In the last 8 months we have witnessed the most massive encroachment on our personal liberties since our founding father's fought and died to free us from British control. The level of medical tyranny we are dealing with under governor DeWine has reach Orwellian levels.

There appears to be no end in sight.

The economy, small business owners, and ohio citizens are being crushed under the boot of an over-reaching executive branch. It seems the only "dance" still allowed in this state, is the one between the house and senate chambers when veto over-rides are on the table.

Ohioans are tired of senate and house leadership refusing support the legislative actions being taken by our representatives to protect business owners, workers, and the personal liberties of the people of this once great state.

It's time to reign in this governor.

It's time to stop allowing DeWine to manipulate numbers, strong-arm private businesses, strangle our economy, threaten the mental and social well-being of our citizens.

It's time to stop him from allowing our seniors to die alone, and strip every shred of normalcy from our children's lives, over a virus with a 99.97% survival rate.

DeWine's powers have allowed him to create an environment where he is so focused on "death", that our citizens are no longer allowed to "live".

The real "public health emergency" now is our out-of-control Governor.

Enough is enough.

Today, I sincerely thank Representative Becker and those of you that have sponsored and co-sponsored legislation to help restore the balance the power between the branches of our state government.

On behalf of OAMF, and our ever-growing membership, I strongly urge the members of the State and Local Government committee to stand for liberty, individuals' rights, and the reigning in of the Governor's powers, by voting YES on HB 618.

Thank you.

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