

Megan Prough

Proponent Testimony - HB 618

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee: Thank you for allowing me to testify on behalf of HB 618. For months now, I have watched our state crumble at the hands of a few. To give you some context to who I am before I go further. My name is Megan Prough. I am a stay at home mom of four daughters. I am married to my husband Jeff and am currently starting my own business. I have recently become active in politics because of Covid. Not because I necessarily enjoy it, but because I care about the policies my family and others have to live under. And I care very much about the empowerment and freedom of myself and others.

Over the last 8 months I have listened to story after story of friends, business owners, and complete strangers. A growing number of our population is getting tired and weary. They are done with the fear mongering, threats, and shaming by our governor and health department. They want their lives back, and they want the freedom of choice.

Our state government has operated unilaterally for far too long. Our forefathers never intended for one person or one branch of government to make decisions without the checks and balances of the other branches. I am highly supporting HB 618 because it gives legislative oversight to the executive branch. We are long overdue for accountability.

Legislature, the people are looking to you. Now is the time for you to not be silent anymore. We can disagree on policies, but at the end of the day, you took an oath to protect the constitution and the rights of the citizens of Ohio. It is time that our Ohio General Assembly defend these rights, even if the views on specific policies differ. No one is above accountability, and I hope you will strongly consider supporting this bill.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Megan Prough