## **PROPONENT TESTIMONY OF:**

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## **IN SUPPORT OF:**

## HB 55

Allow House committees/sessions be conducted virtually House Government Oversight Committee

Dear Members of the Committee,

It is imperative for legislative leadership to keep democracy open. Rep. Brigid Kelly's House Bill 55 that would allow for virtual testimony is a crucial first step to ensuring that all Ohioans can participate in the legislative process.

During the pandemic we've learned how to effectively use virtual tools to allow groups to interact safely. We should continue and expand their use to provide opportunities for all to participate in public meetings and hearings.

I strongly urge you to support House Bill 55.