Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and other members of the State and Local Government Reform Committee.

I am submitting a written statement representing myself as a concerned mother, grandmother and citizen of Ohio. I am testifying in favor of HB 90. I am deeply concerned about courses of action being taken under the current emergency powers and the dire effects it is having on all of us.

My dad passed away end of April, 2020. Long story short, he needed medical attention. The doctor would only schedule a "Zoom" visit and once he saw my dad's condition told us to immediately call the rescue squad. My mom could not even go to the hospital with him. She was denied at the hospital entrance door. A few days later a nurse helped my dad place a phone call to my mom. He asked what the heck happened and how did he get to where he was at. She said he sounded really good. Then they told my mom that he would need to go to a nursing home for "rehab". So off to the nursing home he goes and again, NO visitors, NOT even my mom. My family had a glimpse of hope that we would be able to visit him. After a few days I called to see how he was doing and arranged a "window" visit. My daughter went with me and we took all three young grandchildren, which are great grandchildren to my dad, for the "window" visit. I could see my dad needed a shave and then he started crying. What a horrible heart-breaking thing for ALL of us! And we cried. He could barely hear us. He did not understand what was going on. I know what he was thinking... *WHY won't my family come see me!? Where are they? Nobody cares.* Then we had to walk away, couldn't give him a hug.

MY DAD DIED OF A BROKEN HEART!!!

I'm not sure what kind of care he really received. None of the family was there to make sure he got what he needed. Then a few days later we got the call that my dad was passing.... He was in his final hours.

This all happened in less than two weeks. We NEVER got to say good-bye to my dad, we only got to watch him take his final breath. This was all because of DeWine's lockdowns and mandates. My dad did not have covid and no one in the family was sick. DeWine has been fear-mongering people based on "presumed" information since the beginning.

My three grandchildren are of elementary age and I see what this lockdown nonsense has done to them. They are expected to be glued to a computer and "manage" a homework system. Their social and emotional well-being is in jeopardy. They need to go back to school with ZERO restrictions. We've been managing colds and flu for many years. Our bodies are designed to fight off viruses.

I have heard of more people that have died of suicide than of the "covid". People fear going to the hospital for what could happen to them. They are denied a loved one to be with them. They are overcome with fear to get caught up in the "covid" system and improper treatments. Other health issues are being ignored.

WHY are we not fighting covid by supporting our immune system and promoting good health? The science shows people that have been infected by this sickness have vitamin deficiencies – most common C and D. And it's been known for guite some time. There are therapeutics. People have died due to being mis-treated. Let "We The People" manage our own health. My health is between me and my doctor. We know who are most vulnerable. Ohio needs to be opened up with zero restrictions. If you believe you feel "safe" wearing a mask then you feel free to do so. However, for those of us who read the science which indicates the danger that facial masks cause a severe worsening of lung function for those with lung diseases, such as COPD, emphysema or pulmonary fibroses. Face masks pose serious risks to the healthy according to Dr. Russell Blaylock. He warns that not only do face masks fail to protect the healthy from getting sick, but they also create serious health risks to the wearer. The bottom line is that if you are not sick, you should not wear a face mask. Studies have found significant problems with wearing a mask such as headaches, to increased airway resistance, carbon dioxide accumulation, to hypoxia, all the way to serious life-threatening complications. A drop in oxygen levels (hypoxia) directly causes a direct lowering of the immune system. And the list goes on and on about lack of oxygen....and that's the "science". And masks on children is mere child abuse!

I have been approached in many stores to wear a mask. Masks are nasty. People don't realize how they keep touching their faces – wasn't that the first rule? – don't touch your face. Most masks have black marks where they keep touching and adjusting them. Have you read the warning on the side of the box? ... "WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) OR OTHER VIRUSES OR CONTAMINANTS." What about the ones we find on the ground? Where's the hazmat boxes for proper disposal for a such a deadly virus... with a 99.9% survival rate? I am not going to comply for what someone believes or dictates. There is no science supporting the use of masks and they are simply not needed, causing more harm than good. My health is between me and my doctor.

Are you going to deny food and essentials to people with a virus that has a 99.9% survival rate? Just last night I went to my local grocery store in which I frequently support as they honor medical exemptions, as they should. However, when I went to check out, the cashier, a girl probably about 17, yes 17 years old made an issue that I did not have a mask. I politely told her that I have a medical exemption and she started harassing me because I would not put one on. I asked her why she felt that she had to discriminate against me because I could not safely wear a mask per my doctor's orders. She went and got the manager and he decided that they would check out my groceries and the manager delivered them to my vehicle. I'm not sure what was the intent of a 17 year-old, as her age group is the least affected. She had her mask on and there was the plastic barrier between us. And who knows who all touched my grocery items beforehand. I will not judge what her intent was, however she is not to judge me for my medical exemption. This is nonsense and it has gone on long enough. The manager also suggested that they have a "curb-side" service. As for my well-being I need to get out and I'm not in favor of someone else choosing my items.

The governor has ruined businesses and schools by fear mongering people that they are going to die. Well, he is not in control of when we die. What about the people who have survived? That is a much larger number. What about the people who were fraudulently marked as covid deaths when in fact they did not die of covid? These numbers are fabricated and being used against us to instill fear. There needs to be an audit.

Who is going to be responsible for the harm that has taken place under these "emergency orders"? And then to think you are going to "save" people with an experimental "vaccine" that has not been thoroughly tested? Or even worse to require or force people into getting shots without informed consent. And no one is going to be liable or held accountable for adverse reactions or even death. People need to be informed that they are partaking in an experiment. All for a "virus" that has a 99.9% survival rate.

It is unconstitutional to threaten businesses that you will shut them down if they allow people without masks to enter their businesses. There is no emergency. When we reach a governor goal to flatten the curve, the bar gets raised, based on "presumed" cases. This has been going on for a year.

I fear of what this world is becoming. Open Ohio with ZERO mandates. We want our life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. We want our businesses open. We want our jobs! These mandates are "UN-American" and unconstitutional. Protect our religious and medical freedoms. You cannot dictate your beliefs upon me or my family. This is a personal and private choice. Stand up for our constitutional rights.

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