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Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, members of the of the House State and Local Government Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony today in support of House Bill 90.

I am a very concerned lifelong Ohio resident. Our futures in the State of Ohio have never looked so bleak. Perhaps what is most troubling as an American is the silencing of our voices. The framework of our federal and state governments is such that each branch of government – executive, legislative, and judicial – share equally in power. Under the current conditions in the State of Ohio, the executive branch has high-jacked all power for nearly twelve (12) months now. I understand the necessity for emergency executive powers, but I cannot understand a nearly year-long state of emergency declaration with moving targets, inconsistent rhetoric, and no legislative input. It just does not make sense.

The voices of all Ohioans through our elected representatives need to be heard. As a simple housewife and homeschooling mother of an awesome fourth grade student, our lives this past year have been more of a challenge. I had hopes of visiting many of our great Ohio historical sites this school year to balance our curriculum, but with the current health orders in place by this Ohio Executive Branch, my family is not welcome to visit many of these sites. In fact, we are not even welcome at our local public library.

I strongly support balance of power within all branches of government and just wish it didn't involve expanding government with the creation of another committee. We the People of Ohio need our voices to be heard in Columbus through all branches of government even during declared states of emergency – regardless the reason. We the People need for this current state of emergency declaration (EO 2020-01D) to be terminated immediately along with the immediate termination of all health orders issued since March 1, 2020, including facial coverings.

Ohio families and businesses cannot and will not thrive under these continued oppressive, unconstitutional, and unopposed orders/mandates by an over-reaching and unchecked Ohio Executive Branch.

All personal liberties bestowed by God to the citizens of this great republic are worth protecting and defending. Please stand up with fellow Ohioans in support of House Bill 90.

Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully yours,  
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