



## LOBBYISTS FOR CITIZENS

June 2, 2020

Subject: House Bill 624

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and Members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee:

We are writing to you in support of House Bill 624, the Truth in COVID-19 Statistics Bill sponsored by Diane V. Grendell, State Representative of Ohio's 76<sup>th</sup> House District.

The devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to the State of Ohio's economy will be felt for many years to come. The loss of revenue for the State and the local political sub-divisions will have a negative ripple effect impacting everyone. Equally tragic is the emotional strain that has been felt by our citizens from their loss of employment, loss of their businesses, and loss of social contact with friends and family members.

We believe that it is imperative that our elected officials and the unelected bureaucrats be totally honest and transparent with the citizens since their decisions have a profound impact on our lives and our destiny. We have heard nothing but gloom and doom from the Ohio Department of Health. For some reason, they have chosen to only report statistical data that supports their negative forecasts.

We, therefore, respectfully ask you to insist that the Ohio Department of Health be totally transparent in how the coronavirus figures are being compiled, and to expand their reporting to include positive statistics concerning the coronavirus.

Thank you for considering our requests

Respectfully,

Brian Massie  
President  
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