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I am sending testimony for Senate Bill 6 in the Senate Health and Public Welfare Committee.

I and most people I know, were entirely incensed by the complete over-reach of our government in 2020 and beyond, as they instituted lock-downs, quarantines, business and other closings in response to the "pandemic" situation. The entire response was very illogical and even as facts and statistics were coming to light, the government continued pushing their rules and their narrative --- against mounds of evidence that was mounting higher and higher. Small businesses suffered immeasurable harm, schools and churches were disrupted and also suffered harm.

Doctors and other medical professionals were threatened by government and/or board powers if they didn't tow the line for the "accepted" lines of treatment. This was outrageous. Doctors know best how to treat their patients and our government encouraged and allowed pharmacists to step out of their professional roles to overrule a doctor's orders. This is dangerous and also outrageous.

Our community is still suffering from the effects of these lock-downs and closings.

As I said in one of our County Commission meetings, nothing usurps the Constitution! It is appropriately named the "supreme law of the land". However, numerous government agencies and departments attempted repeatedly to usurp and destroy our freedoms, given by God and enumerated in the Constitution.

We support any bill that prevents this sort of government over-reach from occurring again. Personal decisions for health and welfare **MUST** remain intact. The government's role should be to inform and advise ---- NOT to enforce mandates and other personal decisions.

Sincerely,
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