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Proponent Testimony
SB 6
Testimony Written Only

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Dear Chairwomen Gossage and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my support for SB6, which would designate elected officials to issue orders in a health emergency.

Covid 19 taught us a lot about how we can do better to prepare for the next pandemic.

America was brilliantly established as a republic where the people elect representatives to represent them, and I am a proponent of this bill because it designates our elected officials to issue the orders in a health emergency.

We hope Governors will appoint highly qualified people and subject matter experts of infectious disease to be KDHE Directors to handle pandemics. But unfortunately, history has shown that is not always the case.

Orders and governing should be reserved for our elected officials because they are closest and accountable to the constituents who elected them.

Thank you for your support of SB6.

Respectfully,

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