



March 23, 2021

The Honorable Mike DeWine  
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Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor DeWine,

On behalf of Premier Health, I am writing to urge you to veto SB 22. We believe this would interfere with the process by which the governor and the state health department issue statewide orders regarding the pandemic.

As I mentioned in my testimony to the Ohio Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee on February 10, the scope of the pandemic has required quick and decisive actions that were previously unimaginable. We have epitomized nimbleness and the ability to pivot quickly, reflecting the need to embrace changes as new information became available from clinical experts. This has necessitated real time modifications and decisions. We remain focused on saving lives and to keep people safe—our patients, our staff, and our community.

Ohio is making meaningful progress daily as we proceed with the rollout of vaccinations, but it is clear the pandemic is not yet over. In our view, this has been and remains a public health issue of the most critical importance. Changing the way Ohio is working to respond to the crisis, as SB 22 dictates, may cause confusion and additional problems, as well as negatively impacting the effectiveness of actions taken to date to curb the spread of the virus and limit the loss of life.

We thank you, our public health leaders, and medical professionals for resilience and dedication throughout the crisis. We encourage Ohioans to continue to follow guidance from state and local health departments and other experts as together we continue our fight against a relentless virus.

Sincerely,

Mary Boosalis  
President & CEO