

## Cox, Dan Delegate

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**From:** Becky Litton <missionarynursemw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 23, 2021 6:57 PM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** Sallie Taylor/ Support for House Bill 17

Please see the letter below for my support for House Bill 17.

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to strongly express my support for House Bill 17. The methods Governor Hogan has used and powers he has abused during these past months are deeply troubling. The rights of the citizens are being taken away when the citizens are the ultimately ones in charge of their state and government. The governor does not have the right to force people to stay at home or wear masks with executive orders and not involve the legislative body or the opinion of the all the MD people.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Litton

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**From:** Andrea Boehm <am\_boehm@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 4:50 PM  
**To:** Andrea Boehm; Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Cc:** Bagnall, Heather Delegate; Barron, Erek Delegate; Belcastro, Lisa Delegate; Bhandari, Harry Delegate; Carr, Alfred Delegate; Charles, Nick Delegate; Chisholm, Brian Delegate; Cullison, Bonnie Delegate; Hill, Terri Delegate; Johnson, Steve Delegate; Kelly, Ariana Delegate; Kerr, Ken Delegate; Kipke, Nicholas Delegate; Krebs, Susan Delegate; Lewis, Robbyn Delegate; Morgan, Matt Delegate; Pena-Melnyk, Joseline Delegate; Pendergrass, Shane Delegate; Reilly, Teresa Delegate; Rosenberg, Samuel Delegate; Saab, Sid Delegate; Sample-Hughes, Sheree Delegate; Szeliga, Kathy Delegate; Young, Karen Delegate  
**Subject:** HB 17

Dear Delegate Dan Cox,

Please vote for HB 17, The Emergency Powers Limitations Consent of the Governed Act. It is urgent that you support this bill to prevent political agendas taking over our rights.

I am baffled by the sensationalism of the media regarding positive COVID "statistics". I do not believe positivity rates are an accurate reflection of the concern. Per coronavirus.maryland.gov on August 20th only 1,085,447 Marylanders had been tested. Compared with the positive results we technically had a 3.29% positivity rate. I believe this is a skewed way to look at the data. There are, pending 2020 census data results, about 6.1 million Marylanders. Those that have not been tested are likely not showing any illness of any kind. Therefore, wouldn't a more accurate reflection of the statistics and the coronavirus pandemic be to divide the population of Maryland by the confirmed positive tests? If done so, only 0.0168725% of Marylanders are COVID positive. And, that isn't necessarily a bad thing in my opinion. We are all going to be exposed. The greatest hope is to have a strong enough immune system to have little to no symptoms and that the hospitals are able to adequately care for the severe cases. The people that are COVID positive requiring hospitalization or that have, sadly, resulted in death are even a smaller portion of our population. Hospitals have been able to keep up with cases and I have not seen any reports of a Marylander needing to be treated in a parking lot on mark shift COVID ward.

Today's statistics on that same website list over 6.1 million Marylanders tested and a positivity rate of 6.84%. This can't be accurate either as no one in my household or neighbors has been tested and we are all part of the 6.1 Maryland residents. This leads me to believe that symptomatic people have been tested and counted more than once. The other flaw with this data is that of the 6,758,236 tested only, 2,787,084 are negative. That would mean 6,758,239 - 2,787,084 = 3,971,152 of those tested would be positive. That would be nearly a 60% positivity rate! There has to be a better way to measure the true positivity rate, and more importantly the fatality rate. THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE RECOVER.

Additionally, it is unconstitutional for a citizen to be forced to close their business, or not attend religious services. With social distancing and mask wearing all these freedoms should be open. There is no difference in shopping at Walmart, Home Depot or big business then a mom and pop business. Fines up to \$5000 and a misdemeanor charge for not wearing a mask, or refusing a vaccine are absurd and unconstitutional.

Again, please support HB 17 to ensure government from over reaching into our rights and freedoms.

Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss further.

Andrea Boehm, Maryland Resident.

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**From:** kristengogirlgo@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 2:44 PM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB17

Good afternoon,

As a registered Maryland voting citizen I am contacting you to request support of HB17  
My name is Kristen Saunders, my email kristengogirlgo@aol.com I have a MyMGA account for sharing testimony.

The harm from the shutdowns to basic human spiritual, emotional, physical along with mental health and the THREAT to personal freedom on health choice via the potential requirement of all to be vaccinated has the absolute makings of hell on American soil. I am imploring of you to SUPPORT the logical written words by supporting HB17.

The personal experience of the damage that has happened to my young adult children and their families has had an impact that will last now for years. The virus is REAL but the way this is being handled is not the way to have led Maryland. Let me leave you with something my sister who is a registered nurse on a COVID floor working non stop had to say and share three days ago, mind you she has six children herself:

"My grandmother who past away Wednesday from covid, I mainly was thinking about how this last year she was kept basically secluded away and alone in her own home to keep her safe from getting covid. I didn't go see her at Christmas, just a quick front door visit, she didn't have Christmas dinner with family, she wasn't invited to her oldest grand daughters wedding, visits from family were kept short and limited and she spent the last year of her life probably more alone than ever. So many opportunities to spend time with her all lost because of fear of someone giving her covid. But it didn't matter, she ended up getting it anyway when she had to go to a nursing home for a short time. So I feel like we should not live in fear by not spending quality time with our loved ones because that is what we will regret the most when they are gone and we no longer have the chance to go see them. I am so grateful I was given the opportunity to say goodbye to her. I will always remember our last conversation and how soft her hands were as I held them one last time."

Thank you for your time - we do NOT need to live in FEAR but rather wise choices that are free to be made based on all knowledge known, not by living under mandates, emergency orders - rather allow us to live as FREE PEOPLE.

Kristen Saunders

## Cox, Dan Delegate

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**From:** katjaharper <katjaharper@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 10:28 PM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** Support for HB 17

Good Evening,

My name is Katja Harper and I am a registered Maryland voter from District 6.

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed HB-17 to limit the Governor's emergency powers. Throughout America in 2020-2021, citizens witnessed heretofore unprecedented executive overreach in the form of emergency orders intended to limit the spread of COVID-19. While many of our governors and executives may have meant well in issuing these orders, it has become clear that there are insufficient checks on their powers. The executive's ability to declare a State of Emergency was intended to be leveraged in the case of natural disasters or other sudden emergencies that require swift and decisive action, as the legislative branch may not have time to assemble, draft a bill to address the emergency, and vote on it.

However, if the emergency continues over multiple weeks and months, as is the case with COVID-19, the legislature has ample time to vote on how to best manage the crisis going forward. The legislative branch was given the power to make laws so that major, permanent changes would be vigorously debated by people with diverse views and experiences before becoming law. If this power belongs to one person (the executive) without any limits on time or scope, the state risks becoming a monarchy, and the voices of the people cease to be heard.

What would stop a governor from declaring that any opposition to his rule constitutes an "emergency"? Would he then be able to use his executive powers indefinitely until all opposition had been subdued? This is the slippery slope that we risk descending down if there is no check from the legislature on the executive's power. Preventing this abuse is in the best interest of both Republicans and Democrats alike.

For example, a Republican governor may conceivably declare that the existence of laws permitting abortion constitute a public health emergency, and suspend the right of women to access these services. A Democrat may declare police brutality a public health emergency, and suspend all police activity for an indefinite period of time.

It is likely that neither of these decisions would have large support among the public, and as such, it is in the best interest of our government and our people for long lasting policy to be vetted by our legislative branch if an "emergency" of any kind lasts longer than the two weeks proposed in this bill.

I therefore implore the Maryland State legislature to pass HB 17 to stop further executive overreach by Governor Hogan and any future executive of the state of Maryland.

Sincerely,  
Katja Harper

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## **Cox, Dan Delegate**

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**From:** Jody Rodkey <jrodkeynum2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 7:57 PM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** Hb 17

My name is Jody Rodkey, and I live in Westminster Maryland.

I urge you to stand with HB-17.

What's happening in our state right now is wrong, and anybody that's been paying attention can see that. I could go on and on about the school children that are suffering. My niece who was a straight "A" student is now failing all of her classes. She was just crying to me about how she just doesn't understand. She can't learn this way. She needs a teacher present to help her learn.

Both the United States of America, and the state of Maryland's Constitutions are being violated. This cannot go on any longer.

So again I urge you to stand for your constituent's rights. Everyone has the right to make their own educated decisions on how they want to live their lives. If someone is high risk they are the ones who should be taking precautions, if they so choose.

**PLEASE STAND FOR HB 17 AND STAND WITH THE PEOPLE**

## **Cox, Dan Delegate**

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**From:** Jim Grapek <jgrapek@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 11:54 AM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** Re: Supporting HB17

To assist us as quickly and comprehensively as possible, please include the following information.

NAME: James Grapek  
HOME ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE: 15309 Diamond Code Terrace, Rockville 20850  
PHONE NUMBER: 240-505-1266

Just wanted to say I support HB17 and feel it is an important bill for Maryland.

Thank you.

Jim Grapek

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**From:** Jennifer Gambrill <jenniferg70@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 9:28 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Gambrill  
**Cc:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** [Bulk] House Bill 17

Good morning.

As a lifelong Maryland resident and a registered voter, I support Delegate Dan Cox's House Bill 17- the Emergency Powers Limitations (Consent of the Governed Act).

The free citizens of Maryland have been violated by our Governor and our County Executives for close to a full calendar year now. We have been subjected to orders that are violating our constitutional and human rights as sovereign individuals, creating devastating results for many, including but not limited to owners of small businesses and students.

Data state:

The Covid-19 mortality rate for Maryland residents younger than 70 years old is 0.2%, approximately equivalent to seasonal influenza. Asymptomatic infections, the majority of Covid-19 cases, have a contagion rate less than 1%. Maintaining a State of Emergency is no longer warranted.

The only widescale randomized controlled study conducted on mask use found no reduction in Covid-19 among masked subjects.

States and countries that have locked down and restricted commerce, education, and religious services do not have significantly lower hospitalization or mortality rates than states with limited or no restrictions.

Hospitalization has not exceeded capacity in the state of Maryland during the past year. Concern that critical Covid-19 cases would exceed hospital capacity was a fundamental premise for declaring and maintaining the state of emergency.

As a freedom-loving American citizen, I fully support HB17, which protects citizens from being forced to close or limit businesses, churches, or schools under certain circumstances, requiring American citizens to stay home, and requiring American citizens to wear a face covering, receive a vaccine, or be forced under penalty of law to make certain health decisions.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Gambrill

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**From:** Devon Ragan <devon.m.ragan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 1:16 PM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** Re: Support for HB17

Yes: I am in the Conowingo, Maryland area within Cecil County. Thanks so much!

On Mon, Jan 25, 2021 at 12:33 PM Cox, Dan Delegate <[Dan.Cox@house.state.md.us](mailto:Dan.Cox@house.state.md.us)> wrote:

Devon,

Thank you for your support. Would you please send me your address (or at least the area you live in) so that I can submit your testimony to the committee. Thank you,

Thank you,

Sallie Taylor

Chief of Staff

Delegate Daniel L. Cox

District 4, Frederick and Carroll Counties

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**From:** Devon Ragan [mailto:[devon.m.ragan@gmail.com](mailto:devon.m.ragan@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 9:43 AM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate <[Dan.Cox@house.state.md.us](mailto:Dan.Cox@house.state.md.us)>  
**Subject:** Support for HB17

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a constituent voicing my support for HB17 limiting the emergency powers of the governor. As a resident of Maryland, I am deeply disappointed in the way the governor has handled the health situation over the past year. Unreliable data cannot be used to dictate the livelihoods of small business owners and ruin the mental health of our children. The "two weeks" we were told to shut down has turned into close to twelve months. Key points as to why I am adamantly supporting HB17 are below, with links to peer reviewed studies supporting these statements:

- The Covid-19 mortality rate for Maryland residents under 70 years old is 0.2%, approximately equivalent to seasonal influenza. Asymptomatic infections, the majority of Covid-19 cases, [have a contagion rate under 1%](#). Maintaining a State of Emergency is no longer warranted
- The only wide-scale randomized controlled study conducted on mask use [found no reduction in Covid-19 among masked subjects](#)
- States and countries which have locked down and restricted commerce, education, and religious services do not have significantly lower hospitalization or mortality rates than states with limited or no restrictions
- Hospitalization has not exceeded capacity in the state of Maryland over the past year. Concern that critical Covid-19 cases would exceed hospital capacity was a fundamental premise for declaring and maintaining the state of emergency

Maryland citizens have suffered tremendous hardships over the past year, living under restrictions which lacked supporting evidence. Please use this email as my full support for HB17.

Thank you,

Devon Ragan

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**From:** Danielle Lasher <danilasher@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 6:37 PM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** Support for HB17, Consent of the Governed Act

Dear Delegate,

I am contacting you today to show my support for HB17, the Consent of the Governed Act.

As a citizen of Maryland with a few businesses under my belt anchored here, I have found myself deliberating having to leave my home state where I was born and raised if the governing powers continue to oppress Marylanders in spite of there being no evidence to support their claims and actions.

Hospitalization rates during the Covid-19 pandemic have not surpassed peak capacity of a typical flu season from prior years in Maryland. The curve was flattened long ago. Continued measures to restrict citizens and businesses from normal life and commerce are not justified with credible data.

I strongly urge you to support this bill before Maryland loses some of the most valuable members of our society and state economy.

Sincerely,  
Danielle Lasher

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**From:** c k <scwacke1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 3:24 PM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Cc:** c k  
**Subject:** HB17 SUPPORT

Hello Del. Cox,

I fully support HB17 and thank you for your leadership.

This year we have seen unprecedented attacks on freedom in Maryland, between the lockdown beginning in March, up until the current propaganda of "wear the damn-mask."

My family has been quite cautious as we have direct contact with at-risk populations.

However, for the government to have such authority to shut businesses and places of worship down, as well as what personal clothing items to wear (masks), is overreach by the governor.

Masks do not mitigate the risk to populations or further reduce spread. If that was the case we wouldn't see the government talking out of both sides saying that the flu is non-existent this year because of distancing and masks, but covid-19 is on the rise because people don't wear masks and distance.

The latest statistics between locked-down, mask wearing states/countries is not statistically different than non-mandated mask/wearing lock-down states/countries.

The quantity of hospitals being overrun is not true. Hospitals are at similar capacity as when flu is high. Hospitals must stay near full as they are usually operating on a budget that includes necessary surgeries and recoveries

Also, where does "government-knows-best" end? No one should be forced, or otherwise coerced, to taking a vaccine which is still in trial.

I fully support this bill to limit the egregious overreach we have seen during this pandemic by the MD governor.

Crystal Kijesky  
LaPlata, MD

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**From:** claudefan@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 8:46 AM  
**To:** AA\_HGO  
**Cc:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** HB 17

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am writing in support of HB 17 Emergency Powers Limitations. Governor Hogan's unlimited and unchecked powers have destroyed the Maryland economy as well as the lives of millions of people. The Maryland legislature should have the ability to step in and bring rationality back to the decision making process. Adults have the right to decide for themselves if it's too dangerous to go outside, shopping or participate in daily living. I have a been a virtual prisoner in my home since this began. I refuse to wear a face muzzle. My disable son has been kept from participating in the things that bring him joy. He cannot wear a face muzzle due to his disabilities therefore has been limited to where he can go. These things weren't for government to decide. We need legislation that prevents any Governor from irrational, unscientifically supported decisions.

I don't know anyone who died from covid but I have a friend who committed suicide, two of my children's friends committed suicide, one of my friends died from a drug overdose, one had to have her leg amputated ALONE without emotional support and another's whose husband died while she was kept out of the hospital to see him. The disgusting irony in the latter is she was told by the administrator of the hospital to tell the staff at the door she was coming in to see her and then she could be taken to see her husband. Sadly that ridiculous situation didn't happen in time for her to be with her husband before he died.

ALL of this could have been prevented by allowing adults to make their own decisions.

Please support HB 17

Cindy A. Rose

1/25/21

Written Testimony in Support of HB17 sponsored by Delegate Dan Cox  
Christine Marr

I am writing this written testimony to urge your support and vote yes for HB 17, Emergency Powers Limitations (the Consent of the Governed Act) to limit Emergency Powers to 14 days with mandatory Legislative Review within 72 hours.

My urgency in this letter is shaped by my experiences as a mother, a seasoned psychotherapist, a former progressive democrat and now independent. And as a sister to two covid 19 recovered patients, both with comorbidities, daughter to a senior mother, and aunt to a young man who is immunocompromised. Still, we all support HB17.

***As with any true medical emergency, ongoing recovery is not an acute emergency.***

Furthermore, article 44 of the Maryland Constitution clearly states that the constitution holds in times of emergency, no matter what the plea of necessity. Despite the highly unconstitutional title 14, there is no legal reason to suspend Marylanders constitutional guaranteed liberties.

***HB17 will more effectively balance protecting Marylander's public health and constitutional rights.***

Mortality rates for Maryland residents under 70 years old is 0.2% for covid-19 which is about the same as seasonal influenza. The majority of Covid-19 cases are asymptomatic, which [have a contagion rate under 1%](#). Maintaining a State of Emergency is no longer warranted

Masks are not shown by science to protect health. The burden of proof of if masks could prevent death is on the state. The only wide-scale randomized controlled study conducted on mask use [found no reduction in Covid-19 among masked subjects](#)

Lockdowns have not shown to decrease death or hospitalizations. States and countries which have locked down and restricted commerce, education, and religious services do not have significantly lower hospitalization or mortality rates than states with limited or no restrictions

Locally, hospitalization has not exceeded capacity in the state of Maryland over the past year. Concern that critical Covid-19 cases would exceed hospital capacity was a fundamental premise for declaring and maintaining the state of emergency.

*While quarantining the healthy has never scientifically proven an effective strategy, in response to the popular rhetoric of every senior citizen's life counts- How many years would any grandparent or senior ask a young person to shave off his or her life to hypothetically, potentially prevent them from getting covid 19? The answer by any grandparent I have ever known is None, they would ask for no child and adult to give any years of their life. And they*

*would lovingly encourage young people to live their lives. And they would take responsibility to the best of their ability to stay healthy, perhaps **choosing** to quarantine themselves. Our seniors certainly deserve the respect and human rights to choose for themselves what is right for them in their waning years.*

Current emergency powers are short sighted and do not include a comprehensive public health in mind. There are 40-50 years of data showing significant increase in lives lost when unemployment rises even 1%. As a psychotherapist I have been direct witness to tremendous increases in severe mental health problems for Marylanders of all ages in recent months, and I sadly continue seen sharp increases in my professional and personal circles in suicides, suicide attempts and ideation, and other deaths of despair from overdosing, stroke and heart attacks. As a mom very involved in parent communities I also hear how moms, dads and children from early grades to middle school and young adults are literally losing their minds, in very loving hard working families. The stress has compounded and it is well known the toll that stress takes on immune and overall physical health. And these are the lucky ones with internet, food and parental supervision. I shudder to think how many others are likely hanging on by their fingernails. And then there are those left untreated for other medical conditions. ***And these injuries and deaths are not caused by covid 19. They've been caused by the shutdown.***

Specific to Covid 19 which has a 99.7%+ recovery rate for those under 70 and 95% recovery rate for those over 70, per the CDC's own numbers. Now we have highly effective therapeutics like the newly permitted Ivermectin following the important NIH testimony by Dr. Kory, among many others. These recovery rates can be even higher when treated early with well known early and highly effective treatment methods such as those circulating that I've been following since March Dr. Marik and his EVMS and MATH protocol, and Dr. McCullough, probably the most published practicing doctor in America. The risk benefit analysis clearly weighs in the favor of opening fulling and the vulnerable can take protective measures as they always have. We have learned a tremendous amount since March when ventilators were the treatment of choice after no treatment at all.

Again, I request that you vote yes for HB17 and by so doing to provide a balanced and more comprehensive public health approach inclusive of the many public health considerations and Marylanders' Constitutional Rights.

Thank you for your service and for legislating with integrity to your oath to uphold the Constitution of Maryland and of the United States.

Sincerely,

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## Cox, Dan Delegate

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**From:** Carole Cory <bootcampaddict@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 12:02 PM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] Please vote in favor of HB 17

### Covid facts:

- The Covid-19 mortality rate for Maryland residents under 70 years old is 0.2%, approximately equivalent to seasonal influenza. Asymptomatic infections, the majority of Covid-19 cases, [have a contagion rate under 1%](#). Maintaining a State of Emergency is no longer warranted
- The only wide-scale randomized controlled study conducted on mask use [found no reduction in Covid-19 among masked subjects](#)
- States and countries which have locked down and restricted commerce, education, and religious services do not have significantly lower hospitalization or mortality rates than states with limited or no restrictions
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The response to Covid here in Maryland and in most of the world has been over the top to say the least. The actions taken to apparently keep us safe have harmed so many. Thousands out of work, thousands of businesses shuttered because they could not survive the mandated shutdown, children kept out of school and forced to make a move to virtual learning without what they need, etc. The full trauma from this "fix" is largely untold and will be borne out as time goes on. The "fix" was much worse than the virus and this sort of response to take away our freedoms to live and work can never happen again.

I implore you to look at the real evidence of this virus, the science behind mask protection and to vote yes on HB 17 to protect the citizens of this FREE state from government/corporate overreach.

Thank you sincerely for that yes vote!



A very concerned 49+ years resident of MD,  
Carole Cory

## Cox, Dan Delegate

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**From:** Jill Brice <bjb1966@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 10:46 PM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** HB 17

Hi Dan,

I hope that this note finds you and your family doing well. I have thought of you often and pray that you are finding the joy of the Lord strengthening you as you continue to stand for freedom and represent us here in District 4. What a time this is!

I got a call to action from Informed Choice Maryland. I am not sure if what I wrote to the HGO Committee is the same as a written testimony, as I am not familiar with that term. Here is what I am going to send to the committee members and if this is what you need for written testimony, please use it. Also, since I am new to the process, I would appreciate it if someone could take a look at the letter below and make sure that what I am saying is accurate. The last thing I want to do is write a letter without knowing what I'm talking about and misrepresent the content and context of the bill.

To all HGO Committee members,

I am writing to request that you support HB17. As a lifelong Carroll County citizen, I have watched with growing concern what seems to be an imbalance of power particularly related to the decision-making process surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. I am gravely concerned that the decisions being made, particularly by the executive branch and appointed non-elected officials, are too far-reaching and do not take into consideration statistics and studies which would require less restrictive measures than have been instituted and continue to be forced upon the widely varying communities of Maryland. Here are just a few to consider :

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There has been too much collateral damage to many Marylanders that was not necessary and in some ways the remedy for the virus has turned out to be worse than the virus itself.

I am also deeply concerned that the procedures used for implementation of emergency orders for the current crisis have the potential to open a proverbial "Pandora's Box" for future decisions to be made in the next crisis, real or perceived. which will be sure to come. I believe that the measures outlined in HB17 will go a long way in alleviating some of those concerns.

Please seriously consider and support HB17 which outlines a decision-making approach to future emergency situations that is more in line with the balance of powers that are our constitutional heritage as American citizens of the great state of Maryland. as well as the very foundational truth that our country was founded upon that "all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed".

Thank you for your service and the commitment you have made to represent Marylanders to the best of your ability.

Respectfully,  
Beverly Brice  
3301 Hampton Court  
Mount Airy, MD 21771  
301-829-2974

With all that has happened surrounding the COVID-19 issue, election fraud, and vaccine mandates looming, I've felt compelled to get more involved and take more responsibility for what's going on. I have always struggled with how far I should be involved with the concerns of the world in the political arena, but in this last year I believe the Lord has shown me a path that enables me to stay firmly and exclusively loyal to the kingdom of God while acting to do whatever He would have me do (praying, writing letters, making phone calls, connecting with people, whatever) to help preserve the constitutional republic that I've been blessed to get to live in while I'm here on earth.

Let me know if there is anything I can help with.

Blessings,  
Jill Brice

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" Therefore brothers, in view of God's mercy, offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship."

- Romans 12:1

## Cox, Dan Delegate

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**From:** beth lawson <beth173@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 7:58 AM  
**To:** Cox, Dan Delegate  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] Support of House Bill 17-The Emergency Powers Limitations

Good morning,

I as a lifelong resident of Maryland and a registered voter support Delegate Dan Cox's House Bill 17- the Emergency Powers Limitations(Consent of the Governed Act).

The free citizens of Maryland have been violated by our Governor and our County Executives for close to a full calendar year now. We have been subjected to orders that are violating our constitutional and human rights as sovereign individuals creating devastating results for many: including but not limited to owners of small businesses and students. As an advocate of reopening the public school system, I receive regular reports of the overwhelming depression among students and their parents. I have had the misfortune of learning of several suicides.

Data states:

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As a freedom loving American citizen, I fully support the protection HB17 provides from forcing citizens to close or limit businesses, churches or schools under certain circumstances, requiring American citizens to stay home and requiring an

American citizen to wear a face covering, receive a vaccine or be forced under penalty of law to make certain health decisions.

Respectfully,  
Beth Lawson

Sent from Beth's iPad