

I am an Ohio physician. I care deeply about the health of all Ohioans. I take my work as physician seriously.

I oppose HB 559 because the bill would be using physicians to bully people who sincerely object to vaccinating their children due to their religious beliefs or conscience issues. Parents receive information from a doctor on this topic at every well child visit already. Problematic is the lack of education we physicians receive in our training regarding the risks of the vaccines themselves, as well as getting what seems to be an imbalanced presentation about the diseases the vaccines aim to prevent. What's more, the bill places physicians in a position of authority over parents who lawfully decline vaccines for their children. That isn't right.

The committee and those who are trying to make this bill a law may or may not have a worthy goal...but the methods being used (as described above) are not ethical.