

TESTIMONY OF MITCHELL MARCZEWSKI,
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BEFORE THE OHIO HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE DICK STEIN, CHAIRMAN
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I have been a practicing attorney in Zanesville for the last 20 years and I recently founded the Ohio Medical Freedom Coalition in response to the coercive vaccination measures by our state and federal governments. The resulting pressure has trickled down to the local level and is affecting our community in ways that are not positive.

My testimony is not intended to debate or opine regarding the safety or efficacy of vaccines. After several years of testing, we have many good vaccines that a person should be permitted to take. However, in order to protect those who have chosen to decline vaccination, I believe in what I would describe as “Fully Informed Voluntary Consent without Negative Repercussions (FIVCNR)” which I believe is the position most consistent with our constitution and laws.

Two personal events have caused me to enter this battle:

- First, my daughter is a senior nursing student at Ohio University-Zanesville and is unable to obtain her pediatric clinical placement at Nationwide Children’s Hospital because Nationwide does not recognize her student religious vaccination exemption granted by OUZ. Notwithstanding her repeated requests to the OUZ nursing program administrators for an alternate placement, no progress has been made. The clock is ticking and at this point, it is uncertain that she will be able to complete the program and earn her degree. This would be a great loss to her and to the citizens of our community given the severe shortage of nurses.
- Second, a young acquaintance of my daughter experienced the loss of two family members as a youth which motivated her to set a lifetime goal to become a nurse. Unfortunately, because she has refrained from taking the vaccine, she was forced to quit a job that she loved and subsequently abandoned her dream of becoming a nurse. This is a great injustice to her and a loss to Muskingum County for the same reasons.

We cannot allow the dreams of our young people to be crushed in this manner and I believe it is the responsibility of our medical and community leaders and politicians to fight on their behalf. No one should be threatened with the loss of education or employment, or suffer duress or otherwise be unduly influenced for refusing to be injected with a vaccine.

Southeast Ohio has a cohesiveness and comradery that is rare and valuable, and I believe that our community will be destroyed if we allow this to continue. For my part, I am not willing to sit on the sidelines and remain in a state of trepidation while the same people we labeled as “heroes” for

helping us through the pandemic are now losing their jobs at hospitals and businesses in the larger cities of Ohio.

I respectfully request that you exert the influence that is inherent in your position of leadership to stop this injustice and pass meaningful legislation that does not pick and choose who it wishes to protect. It appears to me that Sub HB 435 in its present form does not accomplish that.

Over the past 37 years, Ohio has given me a great wife, four college-educated children and a fulfilling career. I want the next generation to inherit the same great state that has been so good to me.

Thank you for your kindest consideration.

Respectfully,

/s/ Mitchell Marczewski, Esq.

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