

Dear Representatives of the People of the State of Ohio,

Interesting title for you. It is a title that should be earned, not accepted as fact, when the fact is that so many of you do not represent the people.

Covid-19 is a virus that has been misrepresented by the media, the Big Pharma lobby, the Chamber of Commerce, Hospitals, and countless other interests. Interest is, again, an interesting word, because that's what these corporations are, and that's what they have. Their interests, not the people's in mind when they make decisions and attempt to sway the people's representatives with what may interest you.

Is it money? Is it "power"? One is temporary, and the other is an illusion.

HB 435 is an illusion. It does not do what the people want or need. It does what those countless parties' interest listed above wants and "needs".

HB435 does not prevent COVID-19 vaccine mandates or protect medical privacy in the workplace, higher education, or daycare to 12th grade settings. Provides for exemptions based on medical, philosophical, religious, and natural immunities.

HB 435 exemptions in the workplace apply only to current employees who are employed on or before the bill, if passed, takes effect. No future protections granted.

HB 435 exemptions do not apply to students or employees in children's hospitals or intensive care or critical care units of a hospital.

HB 435 exemptions in all settings expire in 2023.

The HB 435 medical exemption may only be signed by a primary care provider, not a specialist.

The HB 435 natural immunity exemption is a red herring- there is no existing scientific standard for immunity levels- vaccinated or unvaccinated,

vaccinated immunity levels are scientifically not comparable to natural immunity levels.

The HB 435 written exemption required for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions create a "vaccine passport".

HB 435 has no provision to prevent discrimination from employees seeking exemptions. An employer could put an employee seeking an exemption on unpaid leave. There is no language to address or prevent this.

HB 435 has no penalty for violation.

HB 435 doesn't apply to discrimination in public accommodations. A vaccine could be required to go grocery shopping and this bill doesn't address it or provide any protections against this.

I am scraping the surface here, and I am one guy in Ohio without a special interest, other than maintaining my Constitutional rights as provided by God. Please understand the depths of your decisions, as well as the path you take with them.

Please reconsider HB 248, for the people's sake, not the Chamber of Commerce or other special interests. Your grandchildren will appreciate it down the road.

Thank you for your time,

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