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To the House Commerce and Labor Committee,

Chairman Stein, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan, and Members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony on House Bill 435.

My name is Jacob Eilerman, and I am an Actuary (Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society) and the reason I am against House Bill 435 is because everyone should have a CHOICE when it comes to their medical decisions WITHOUT COERCION and the threat of losing one's livelihood.

As an actuary and someone that holds degrees in Mathematics (Statistical Concentration), Economics, and Actuarial Science, I have been evaluating a lot of the decisions being made by governments, schools, and businesses over the last year from a number's perspective. My wife is a pharmacist (PharmD) so we have a unique combination in our household to evaluate the events of the past year both mathematically and medically.

From an economic perspective, we are currently experiencing a labor shortage in this country. There are supply chain issues in many industries. By allowing the mandating of the Covid-19 vaccines, we will further exacerbate this problem. We will be artificially reducing labor supply from all workers to only vaccinated individuals when shots are mandated. This is only going to make shortages worse and increase inflation. This is basic supply and demand economics! It makes absolutely no sense to mandate vaccines that DO NOT prevent transmission of the disease and create further labor shortage issues at the same time, especially in health care! Both VACCINATED and UNVACCINATED can spread the disease.

- Please reference the link for a peer-reviewed study of hundreds of countries that found NO global correlation between vaccine rates and case rates: (<u>https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10654-021-00808-</u> 7?fbclid=IwAR0J32m9zGYd1TjOWagkidHJ1qEyIKs8z8HLIHEsC gQ3kEjrURPKTbpw5A)
- Using data from the Ohio Covid-19 dashboard and a linear regression analysis, I also found that vaccination rate by county in Ohio was NOT a significant predictor of recent case rate from 7/22/21 8/4/21. Please refer to my House Bill 248 proponent testimony from August 24th for additional details.

This bill does not prevent vaccine mandates in all cases for employment, and it does not prevent businesses from instituting vaccine passports. This will lead to DISCRIMINATION of individuals and groups of people. This is gravely concerning to me, and it should be to all of you! We risk creating a SECOND-CLASS society of unvaccinated individuals. No matter your vaccination status, this should set off alarm bells to everyone. As they roll out vaccine passport in New York City, 72% of African-Americans ages 18-44 are unvaccinated based on city data. They will be relegated to second-class citizens. I thought America had learned that SEGREGATION is WRONG. It is wrong based on all forms: race, religion, nationality, and MEDICAL TREATMENT! These mandates should be considered a violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Antidiscrimination Law).

Furthermore, these vaccination mandates are a clear VIOLATION of "The Nuremburg Code (1949):"

The <u>voluntary consent</u> of the human subject is <u>absolutely essential</u>. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved, as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision. This latter element requires that, before the acceptance of an affirmative decision by the experimental subject, there should be made known to him the nature, duration, and purpose of the experiment; the method and means by which it is to be conducted; all inconveniences and hazards reasonably to be expected; and the effects upon his health or person, which may possibly come from his participation in the experiment. The duty and responsibility for ascertaining the quality of the consent rests upon each individual who initiates, directs or engages in the experiment. It is a personal duty and responsibility which may not be delegated to another with impunity.

If this does not concern you, I am not sure what will. Individuals must always have a choice when receiving medical treatments WITHOUT COERCION! These mandates, with the threat of losing one's livelihood, are COERCION!

I recently read the obituary (https://obits.oregonlive.com/us/obituaries/oregon/name/jessica-wilsonobituary?pid=200278331) of Jessica Berg Wilson from Washington state. Here are a couple excerpts:

- "Jessica Berg Wilson, 37, of Seattle, Wash., passed away unexpectedly Sept. 7, 2021 from COVID-19 Vaccine-Induced Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT) surrounded by her loving family. Jessica was an exceptionally healthy and vibrant 37-year-old young mother with no underlying health conditions."
- "Jessica's greatest passion was to be the best mother possible for Bridget and Clara. Nothing would stand in her way to be present in their lives. During the last weeks of her life, however, the world turned dark with heavy-handed vaccine mandates. Local and state governments were determined to strip away her right to consult her wisdom and enjoy her freedom. She had been vehemently opposed to taking the vaccine, knowing she was in good health and of a young age and thus not at risk for serious illness. In her mind, the known and unknown risks of the unproven vaccine were more of a threat. But, slowly, day by day, her freedom to choose was stripped away. Her passion to be actively involved in her children's education—which included being a Room Mom—was, once again, blocked by government mandate. Ultimately, those who closed doors and separated mothers from their children prevailed. It cost Jessica her life. It cost her children the loving embrace of their caring mother. And it cost her husband the sacred love of his devoted wife."

The Nuremburg Code was clearly violated here, and it cost this wife and mother her life.

I am not anti-vaccine. I am for MEDICAL FREEDOM! People should always have a CHOICE in what medical treatments they receive based on INFORMED CONSENT! House bill 435 will not protect Ohioans' Medical Freedom. It either needs to be completely revised to provide the protections of House Bill 248, or House Bill 248 needs to be passed IMMEDIATELY! Time is of the essence.

Thank you for you time and God Bless,

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