

*Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.*

*My name is Ryan Black and I am a licensed Structural Engineer in Ohio. Liberty is a very important issue to me. I believe the the role of government is limited to protecting our freedoms. As Patrick Henry said, "You are not to inquire how your trade may be increased, nor how you are to become a great and powerful people, but how your liberties can be secured; for liberty ought to be the direct end of your Government." He also said "Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect every one who approaches that jewel," and I am indeed suspicious on the constant attack on our God-given freedoms. I believe over time there will be more and more fear of various issues, and further restrictions on liberty will be the proposed solution. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because it will protect liberty. The rights to privacy and free flow of commerce are essential. The right to earn a living without an employer forcing a medical intervention on me is also essential. Please help to protect liberty in the great state of Ohio.*

*Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.*

*Sincerely, Ryan Black*