

Good morning 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 Richard Dodaro and I am a full time employee at First Energy Corp. in Lake County, OH. I am also a father of 2 beautiful children and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe in our constitutional rights as an American just as there is Roe vs Wade, it should still be my BODY, my CHOICE. My grandparents came to this country because they believed in the Freedoms that the United States had to offer. We have enough divide in this country and putting people into 2 categories (Vaccinated-Not Vaccinated) is only going to make matters worse not only for us but for our children as well. PLEASE pass House Bill 248 so that we can continue living normal lives. It's been 18 months and we followed protocols. There was a time for that but not anymore! People can still wear their masks if THEY choose to but it should no longer be a mandate nor should employers be able to say who can go without a mask and who has to wear one. Schools should not put our children into categories as well, studies have shown that children are less likely to get Covid anyway. That's our choice as a parent whether to vaccinate our children or not, this is not something that should be forced upon us. This is still AMERICA and last I checked our ancestors fought for our FREEDOMS!! This is one of them.

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

Sincerely,
Mr. Richard Dodaro