

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 Linda S Hoffman. I am a business owner and lifelong professional in investments and insurance. The reason I support House Bill 248 is that it protects individuals who choose not to be vaccinated from discrimination due to vaccine status. No government agency and no businesses in Ohio should be allowed to deny people services because they have decided not to get a vaccine or are forced to get a vaccine as a condition for employment. This bill makes discrimination based on vaccine status illegal in Ohio. Personally, I absolutely got the vaccine but that is not the issue here. The DIRECTION we are taking, incrementally, to dictate dress and conduct and speech is fundamentally antithetical to freedom. There is no Ruling Class which has this right in America and may they never be successful in forcing this upon us.

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

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