

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 Gene Calai. I am an Ohio citizen and Information Security professional. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe an individual's freedom of choice should be protected.

We all should be allowed to choose what is appropriate to protect ourselves. For many with compromised immune systems, it may be a wise choice to become vaccinated. For others with strong immune systems their odds of fending off this virus and other flus are extremely favorable. We need to allow those with strong immune systems to form nature herd immunity.

Personally, I have been studying health and wellness since 2000 when my father was diagnosed with cancer. Since that time, I have learned that a strategy of proper nutrition, exercise and supplementation are a successful approach to strengthening your immune system. I am a living example of my own strategic wellness approach being superior to the tactical approach of relying upon the use of pharmaceutical pills and shots.

As a citizen of Ohio, I am asking you as a representative of all Ohioans to ensure that citizens are not forced into taking vaccinations or requiring vaccination passports.

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

Sincerely, Gene Calai