

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 Patricia Gosky, and I am a retired pediatric office manager. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because there is no reason that I should be required to consider or receive any of the vaccines.

In November, 2020 I had a documented case of Covid and recovered with medical intervention within four weeks of the positive test. It is my doctor's opinion, based on studies that have followed the immunity following Covid infection, that I have immunity that is equal to the immunity achieved by the recommended dosing of the vaccine. With this acquired immunity from the disease, I should not be required to receive the vaccine. I should also not be the subject of any discrimination because of my refusing to receive a vaccine that I do not need. Any manner of forcing the tens of thousands in Ohio who have this immunity after recovering from the Covid-19 virus is a total denial of the science regarding immunity. I hope that the House enacts this bill to show that Ohio respects the science surrounding the Covid-19 epidemic as well as my personal rights.

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

Sincerely,

Patricia Gosky