

OH HB 248

Proponent Testimony

Taylor Hornback

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 Taylor Hornback and I'm a research engineer/DOD Contractor 10 hours a week from home, and a stay-at-home mom full-time. I am pro-vaccine choice.

The reason I support HB 248 is many. First, I believe it is unethical to require a vaccine upon any individual because it is essentially a forced medication. Like any medication, vaccines do have side effects. I know countless friends and family, including my own husband, with autoimmune disorders that followed shortly after being subject to a variety of vaccines. Second, if there are "vaccine passports," or something of the sort, it will create instant segregation into the "clean," and "unclean," where the unvaccinated people are treated like lepers. As an engineer, I look at data for a living. As a citizen and mother in Ohio, I've been following the COVID-19 response and data very closely. There simply is not enough data to say that the C-19 vaccines are the right choice for everyone. What about natural immunity? What about the people who have tested positive for C-19 and had the disease, should they have to get the vaccine? In my opinion, absolutely not! There's no data to show that natural immunity is inferior to the vaccine. In fact, natural immunity has always been the gold standard of immunity when it comes to every other disease except C-19. Lastly, if vaccines are required for employment, for commerce, etc., the people that choose to decline will find other employment or leave the state where they can have sovereignty over their own bodies. This would be terrible for the Ohio economy.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Taylor Hornback', written in a cursive style.

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