

Hello Representatives 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 Jessica Schultheis and I am a teacher and active parent of two teenager daughters and a ten year old son. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because Ohioans should have ultimate authority over their medical decisions and a right to maintain privacy regarding those decisions.

My two daughters had an extremely mild case of Covid over winter. They have the antibodies, they do not need the vaccine on top of already being immune, why would I give them an experimental shot if they already have the antibodies? Especially an injection that has not been FDA approved or licensed by the federal government and long-term safety and efficacy have not been proven. There have also been thousands of reported side effects and even deaths on the VAERS site. Not to mention Mandating products authorized for Emergency Use Authorization Status violates federal law.

As a teacher, and mother of teenagers, I am already seeing the discrimination between my daughters (not vaccinated) and their friends (vaccinated). Children have enough to worry about rather than know the business of who has and hasn't gotten the experimental shot. For these reasons and more, I stand against mandates on issues related to health freedom.

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

Sincerely,
Jessica Schultheis