

To Ohio Representatives,
Re: Written Testimony Re: HB248

I intend to make the strategy of encouraging children to bully children who haven't received a Covid-19 vaccine unpalatable. Various players are working together to strangle free speech and choice related to vaccination status. I'm concerned in the long term for the civility of our society in general, but, in the short term, I'm concerned about schools segregating children who haven't received the Covid-19 vaccines and their upcoming boosters or identifying them by making only them wear masks.

The social media sites have worked hard to stifle the speech of people who have concerns about vaccine risks. They have, however, allowed people to proliferate the idea that, as a child of mine repeated today, the people who object to the vaccine think it will put a microchip in them. I explained to her that this was propaganda meant to mock and thus discredit people who have questions about the vaccine.

Other children do not have parents who are careful enough to help them discern when such disinformation is being fed to them. They will have picked up on the desire of the powers that be that people who have questions about vaccine safety be shunned and hated. The bullying in schools will be uncontrollable unless the children doing the bullying are educated about the propaganda that is being fed to them and why it is being done.

Supporting a bill that bans discrimination based on vaccination status would help prevent this battle for the hearts and minds of the children from having to take place this year.

Sincerely,
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