

*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 Sean McHugh and I am an underemployed software developer trying to start a small business. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because vaccine passports pose an imminent threat to the freedom of every Ohioan. They will be used to create unnecessary division and they are a step down a dark path.*

*Offering a million dollar lottery ticket for taking the vaccine is evidence that whoever wants the vaccine has already got it. If the vaccine works that means people are either protected or have chosen not to be. Vaccine passports, then, will create division where there is no reason for division to be.*

*Vaccine passports will be abused in the long run. We are already hearing about booster shots and shots for new variants. This obviously sets up a system where people have to receive periodic government injections in order to function in society. While that sounds like an entertaining science fiction dystopia it's not the path I would like to see Ohio go down.*

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

*Sincerely, Sean McHugh*