

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 Brittany Stonerock and I am a stay at home mom and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because the medical choices I make for myself and my family are nobody else's concern or business, and should have no bearing on whether or not we are permitted to fully participate in society.

Currently, my husband who is the sole financial provider is receiving pressure from his company to comply with getting the experimental covid shot. It is being pushed and discussed in such a way where employees feel that they may be backed into a corner choosing between their medical autonomy and their livelihood which feeds their families. Many feel like their decision to get the shot or not can affect further promotion in the company in the future. The leaders of their company even went so far as to do a zoom meeting in which two of them were sitting closely and high-fiving, expressing how they're so happy they can "get back to normal and hug their families and friends" due to receiving the shot.

Why are we being made to feel like we must choose between injecting an experimental substance into our bodies vs. hugging our families and keeping our jobs? Is this not coercion? True medical freedom does not involve millions spent on propaganda and the threat to take normal life away from us to sway our medical decision making. We should not have to sell our bodies to keep a sense of normalcy in our day-to-day lives for fear that we will be excluded through the implementation of vaccine passports. I support HB248 as it will protect Ohioans now and in the future so that we can each have the dignity of making the medical choices that are right for us as individuals without being ostracized from normal society.

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

Sincerely,
Brittany Stonerock

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brittany Stonerock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B".