

Dear 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 Sarah DeTomaso, and I work in residential services as well as being the best mother I can be, to three wonderful children.

House Bill 248 is incredibly important because although vaccines can help, they can also hurt, just like any other pharmaceutical. Mandating vaccines is turning a blind eye to those that have had adverse reactions to them, which happens much more than we are led to believe.

Vaccines are touted as the cure to childhood disease; something we must do to protect "the herd". But at what cost? So many children have been injured or killed, doing so much more damage than the disease they were meant to protect against.

As adults, we have the right to choose one medication over the other if we know that there are certain ones that we have allergic reactions to. But children are not afforded that same luxury when it comes to vaccines. In order to get a public education -something ALL children should have access to- some states force children to be INJECTED with toxins that can, and do, damage them permanently. I don't want to see my wonderful state of Ohio to follow in these footsteps.

Medicine is NOT a one-size-fits-all, and never has been. There have always been side effects to all pharmaceuticals. To require ANY medicine for EVERYONE is negligent, dangerous, and downright criminal.

My 9 year old son has an autoimmune disorder called PANS/PANDAS, as well as having "toxic sludge" in his liver. According to his doctor, he's either worked in a factory all his life or had vaccines he can't detoxify from. I delayed and staggered his vaccine schedule since birth because I was worried about aluminum and heavy metal toxicity. It didn't matter, he got hurt anyway.

My 8 year old daughter developed ADHD after her 15 month MMR, which I delayed giving to her until age 2 because I was nervous about the toxins passing through the blood-brain barrier. My hesitance didn't matter, she got hurt anyway.

I am a mother. The most important job in the world, honestly. I am raising the next generation of humans to guide and change this world. I HAVE A VOICE AND I HAVE A STAKE. Do not take away the parents' right to choose what is best for our children.

Thank you so much for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248. So many lives will be saved when this passes.

Sincerely,
Sarah B. DeTomaso