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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 Jennifer Drabik and I am a wife, mother, and healthcare provider of 20 years and I support House Bill 248. I lost my job in 2012 because of a mandatory flu shot, so I am very familiar with how vaccine mandates negatively impact a person's livelihood and freedom to choose how to care for their personal health.

It has become increasingly evident how important HB248 is in Ohio. Vaccines are not a one size fits all. There are Ohioans who cannot receive vaccines for medical or religious reasons. All medical procedures including vaccines have risks and benefits. Informed consent requires an explanation of these risks and benefits and the option to decline. Mandating vaccines for employment, school, travel etc completely removes the tenant of informed consent. Employers, businesses and other entities cannot mandate a procedure that has risk of adverse reaction up to and including death.

Every day I live in fear due to looming vaccine mandates. I know that it will not be mandated by our government. It will be mandated by proxy by employers or other businesses. I fear losing my job again. I fear that I will not be able to buy groceries for my family. I fear I will not be able to freely move about the state or country. I fear for my freedom and my children's future freedom. Freedoms that will possibly all become dependent on our vaccination status? On a vaccine that is still considered experimental and of which we have no long term studies of safety and efficacy? Never before have we depended on a vaccine to get us out of a pandemic and one must wonder "why is this vaccine being pushed SO HARD??" The COVID 19 vaccine will not end the pandemic. However, it WILL usher in medical apartheid. We must not allow this to happen in the great state of Ohio. Where there is risk, there must be a choice. Please vote yes on HB248.

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

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Drabik', written in a cursive style.

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