

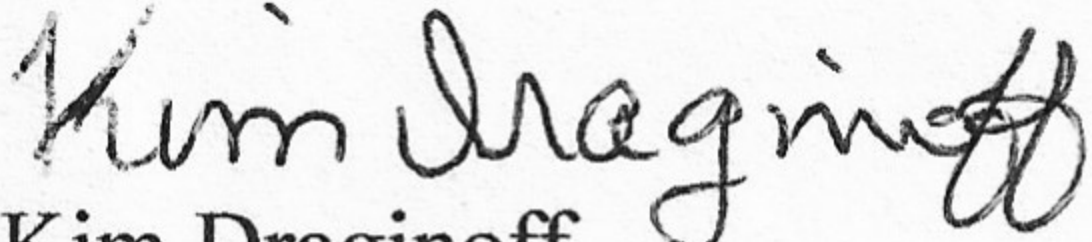
Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Kim Draginoff and I am a full-time professional and mother of two college students attending universities in Ohio and Kentucky. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because the choice for medical treatment and intervention, as well as healthcare privacy, is a right that must not be taken away from Ohioans. Maintaining individual sovereignty to determine what medical treatment, if any, is best for our own body, mind and spirit is a freedom that can't be compromised. We must protect the civil liberty of vaccine choice without the threat of discrimination.

I am deeply concerned for the stress, worry, and anxiety my children are suffering when they hear of possible mandates to take an experimental vaccine in order to return to their respective universities. They have lived through a very emotionally challenging year and I have seen a dramatic decline in their mental health. Our family has remained compliant with Covid-19 guidelines but now it is time for Ohio to send a clear message to schools, universities, and businesses that mandates of vaccines, or discrimination based on vaccine choice, is not legal or enforceable.

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

Sincerely,


Kim Draginoff