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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking member Russo, Members of the House Health Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony of HB 248. My name is Cyndi Alt and I am reaching out as a concerned citizen of the great state of Ohio. Let me start by saying I have never written to any legislator about bills or issues that I have been concerned with before today. I have always been just one of the bystanders and let government run itself. That all changed this past year; I have had to take stand when I started to see how the numbers were being manipulated and our health officials that we turned to in our hour of crisis, gave us data that was manipulative and false and to the point of silencing some of the medical doctors who truly had our country's best interest at heart. Social media was my tool for voicing my concerns and like many others I was silenced for sharing information on the deaths, reported CDC data, and other information related Covid because it did not fit into their narrative they were promoting. Our voices are still being silenced.

I am a stay at home mom, I have two sons. One who is a high school senior and has seen his last two years in high school nearly ripped away. Last year he fought severe depression and even expressed at one time when the lockdowns forced him to be away from all his friends for months, suicidal thoughts. My 17 year old son, who is an honor student who has his entire life in front of him thinking of doing the imaginable, grieves my soul. My other son who is 15 years old is homeschooled and a recent Eagle Scout. Our BSA scouting community has only required the mask and distance, however if they choose to require the vaccine we will no longer be with this organization. We chose homeschooling for him after the disastrous third grade reading guarantee and common core hit our Ohio School system that year. He has been homeschooled since 4th grade and thrives in this environment. Since he is homeschooled I don't have to worry at the moment about any vaccines until he either decided to attend college or find a job. However, my 17 year old has been peer pressured to get the vaccine and did not fall into this trap when they gave gift cards, free donuts, pizza, and other incentives to sign up to get the vaccine. While there is no proof this group of young kids is spreading Covid they are being manipulated to believe they must get this vaccine in order to protect everyone around them and attend college. When any of his friends contracted the virus they quickly recovered, as they should with any flu like virus. However, the media, the Governor and the state health officials would all lead you to believe that my son and his friends are all super spreaders going to kill everyone, especially their grandparents. Now we are at the end of the school year and college is our next step. My son who has worked 4 long years to make honors diploma, scholarships, and finding the right university for him is now being threatened again with a forced vaccination to attend college in the fall and to show a card if he wants to remain un-masked in class and in society proving he has had the vaccine.

This is why I am in support of HB 248. I am supporting this bill because of the extreme need to stand on our liberties and freedoms from government overreach to let businesses, organizations, schools, colleges, government agencies, etc. require that we vaccinate for a virus with 99.8 recovery rate and show proof that we had a Covid 19 vaccination or any vaccination to participate in normal life functions. Vaccines should remain a choice, especially when it comes to something that has not been thoroughly tested. Today we are seeing increases in the heart conditions, blood clotting, and issues that no child should have to deal with from a vaccine injury. While my children have been vaccinated since birth, this time I draw the line. There has not been enough testing on any of these vaccines and I refuse to let my children become a statistic in the state of Ohio for science. There are drugs available that will stop the transmission and infection and doctors are being told by pharmacist that they will not fill these therapeutic drugs. Why is that? How is that? This is not only for the children but also for the adults in Ohio who could recover quickly from the virus if only allowed to have the prescriptions filled. I personally know of several doctors who have said that when they gave prescriptions to their patients for these drugs they were denied being filled. When did pharmacist have the right to deny a non-addicting drug? We are being discriminated against in our ability to make choices for our health by people who clearly are being manipulated by a higher authority in our government.

In conclusion our liberties, freedoms, and ability to make decisions for ourselves when it comes to our health are being stripped away one by one here in Ohio. Please do not let this happen, please vote yes on HB248 to continue to make Ohio a better state to live in, raise our children in and to make our personal choices for medical freedoms in. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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