

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 Susan Jividen and I am a pediatric Occupational Therapist of over 35 years and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I have had the pleasure and the pain of taking care of children all of my life including my own. As a pediatric OT, I have gone from working at the leading hospital for children in the country to having my own children and everything in between. Thirty five years ago, none of us understood sensory, autism, autoimmune, learning disabilities, depression, ODD and on and on like we do now. Things have changed. I wish I knew then what I know now.

As a school OT at this point, my greatest concern is maintaining privacy. I have always been taught and supported that you do not speak of politics, religion and personal health choices in the work place. Always supported HIPPA. Where has that all gone?? It is amazing to me that people you know have the oddosity to ask you your medical choices. FREEDOM is important and important for all to support. Every time someone asks preferences or choice, they don't realize that they are giving up their ability to choose what goes into their body and their right to their own health information. Where does this end? Do we have a right to screen people for HIV? To demand that a person with HIV not be in their classroom or on the airplane?

I am fearfully and wonderfully made. I have learned the hard way that the best system is the one I was born with and I should take care of it better than I do. Regardless, I should not be forced to take or agree or do anything. I trust my God given gut to make that decision for myself and my children and to guide my children to use CRITICAL THINKING.

There are so many stories I have, thousands of choices gone bad. From allergy to death. I can't even begin to tell you. But my concern now is my family whom I as a mother feel I need to protect under my wing. I have a son who is in an OT program, finished his first year of his masters. Shawnee State in OHIO. Beautiful campus and loving people there helping the low income youth attend college. They are now pushing the mandate. This is not an approved vaccine by the FDA. This is not tested to know the outcomes. I have already suffered multiple issues with my children due to some previous health choices but they were my choices.

Nothing is ever FREE. If it were so awesome, would it have to be mandated??

These young adults have a 99.7 to 99.8 percent recovery rate. These young adults are our future. We don't know what the outcomes are with reproduction alone.

Lastly, we teach our children to never fall for peer pressure to drink, do drugs etc. and for young girls especially to be pressured to do things they are not ready for. We want our children to trust their gut instinct, weigh the pros and cons and BEGIN to make

decisions for themselves. We should NEVER want them to make a decision out of FEAR of not being able to attend a place of worship, a store, a COLLEGE campus.

Each individual is different and should be able to make decisions for themselves. Just remember, if it is forced now, it will be forever forced on your children and your grandchildren. Picture one of them right now in your head. Would you want them making decisions based on FEAR and FORCE?

My family has sacrificed a lot and put a lot of energy into the rearing of our children. Some of our children are adults not and they should not be forced to inject foreign material if they don't want to. My family has also invested a lot of money and finances into this college to walk away.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248. Written only unless I am available and needed.

Sincerely,

Susan Jividen
Susan Jividen and family

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