Michele Miller 5/25/2021 HB 248

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holms, 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 Michele Miller and I am reaching out to as a concerned citizen of Ohio. This last year has opened the eyes of myself and many Ohioans on the power of the narrative. We have seen the manipulation of numbers. We have seen the flip flopping of our health officials. We have seen the censorship of some doctors and people like me who try to question what we are being told. What kind of censorship have I experienced you may ask? When I posted the updated info of Openvaers.com on the number of deaths, hospital admissions and adverse reactions to the Covid injection I was banned from Facebook for 3 days. Why? I was just posting the government system tallies that we were told would track any negative effects from this injection. In just 5 months we have over 4,201 deaths alone, according to openvaers.com/covid-data. We are looking at approximately 31.35 deaths per day. An AHRQ-funded study by Harvard Medical School (https://digital.ahrq.gov/ahrq-funded-projects/electronic-support-public-health-vaccine-adverse-event-reporting-system) concluded that only 1% of vaccine injury are reported to VAERS. If only 1% are reported, can these 4,201 deaths be 42,010 in just 5 months? That would take us to 311.18 deaths per day. If this was some FDA approved medication this would have been recalled by now. Why has this product been allowed to stay in the population?

I hear from some of our politicians talk about the rights of companies to mandate a consumable pharmaceutical product. Products that come with known risks in the realm of public safety. What about the rights of the individual? We also have rights under the United States Constitution. These are the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I have the right to life and not take a product that can maim or kill me. I have the right of liberty, to make the choices for my life without coercion or threat. I have the right of the pursuit of happiness. This includes being able to work to provide for my family and to not be discriminated against. The company that I work for has every right to make their place a safe place to work. This includes the steps that my company has done. Things like background checks. As everyone knows, that doesn't always stop workplace violence. The company can add hand sanitizers to promote good hygiene. They can't make a person wash their hands. When in the office restroom there were several people who just used water and no soap when washing their hands. I saw this with my own eyes! The company I work for started a healthy snack initiative where they offered fruit and other items to encourage health, but employees had the choice as to what they put in their bodies. The company didn't force them to each 3 servings of fruit a day. The same reasoning applies here. The company has every right to encourage a product but that is where it ends. They do not have the right to violate a person's bodily autonomy. If companies want to work with their employees and care about them, maybe they need to offer sick days, more than just 2 per year as some companies have only offered. Many were the time where a co-worker would come into work coughing their head off for days and no manager suggested that they go home. Perhaps the employee didn't have any sick time left. I think a better argument would be made and supported by many would be for companies to offer more sick days so that those who are sick, stay at home to get well instead of worrying about not getting paid. You would have more respect from your constituents if you got behind legislation like that. You may say, we can't tell a company to do something like that. I say that if you want to set the minimum wage then you have the right for public safety to advocate for more sick days. When I went in for my son's well visit years ago, the nurse practitioner came in coughing all over the room. How is that safe and healthy? My own doctor's office didn't feel the need to send her home. I don't understand the disconnect here.

As we have already seen in the news, just because you have the pharmaceutical injection, doesn't mean that you can't catch the virus. We have already seen 8 members of the Yankees team who tested positive after the injection. Never was this product marketed as stopping transmission or infection. It only made your symptoms milder. So, these people who received an injection, may ultimately get the virus but because their symptoms are very mild go to work and infect

their fellow co-workers. How does this help anyone? Why are we not asking for a product that stops the infection and transmission?

On the day of opening remarks on introducing HB 248, Representative Beth Liston (picture C) commented on Facebook "I am concerned about my freedom from an infectious disease." My response to Beth Liston is this, I am concerned about my freedom from a liability free product that has to date 4,057 deaths. I am concerned about my freedom from hospitalizations. I am concerned about my freedom from urgent care. I am concerned about my freedom from anaphylaxis. I am concerned about my freedom from Bell's Palsy. I am concerned about my freedom from heart attacks. I am concerned about my freedom from thrombocytopenia. Representative Liston said this legislation would set us back 100 years. Where was society in 1921? Let's look on https://livinghistoryfarm.org/farminginthe30s/life 13.html. "By the end of the 1930s, more and more farmhouses were hooked up to electricity. Before farmhouses had running water, families used outhouses (summer and winter) with no toilet paper and took baths once a week, sharing bathwater that had been heated on the stove. Public health got better with running water as pits under outhouses were filled in." I would argue that we, as a society, were more prone to communicable diseases because we had terrible sanitation and hygiene practices. If our medical professionals haven't made progress in diseases in the last 100 years we have a problem with medicine. We also have doctors and scientist who have tried to inform the public of other great products that we can use to treat Covid and yet sadly their voices have been silenced because it didn't fit with the narrative. How are we supposed to advance in science and medicine if those voices are not heard? I would argue that canceling their voices will set us back 100 years.

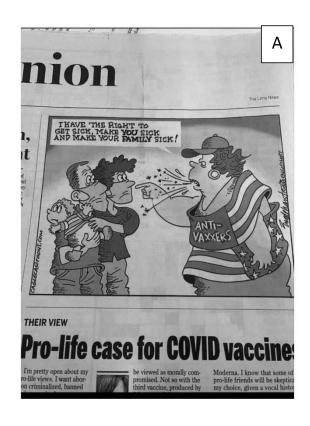
A big part of this conversation that needs to be addresses is the half truths and lies of our medical professionals and those in government. We had a quote from Dr. Valerie Webber (picture B), an Internal Medicine Physician, who stated "I'm a doctor and a mom, and I would never have my children do anything unless I thought it was 100% safe. These vaccines are safe and effective." I don't know if it's out of ignorance or malevolence that Dr. Webber would make such a statement after all the reactions that we have had on the media from these products. This is why the credibility of our doctors and the trust in the government is on the decline. When I was having back problems my own doctor wanted to give me opioids instead of giving me an x-ray to find out what the possible issue was. I had to advocate for myself to get that x-ray. Think on that for a moment. My doctor, who knew full well of Ohio's opioid epidemic wanted to write me a prescription for opioids. Did he have my best interest in mind? I would say he did not. Needless to say, I no longer see that doctor.

We see the propaganda being pushed out in our media. The Lima News (picture A), here in Ohio, had a picture of an "anti-vaxxer", screaming at a family saying "I have the right to get sick, to make you sick, and make your family sick!" First, anti-vaxxer is a derogatory term and I denounce such language. Many are ex-vaxxers, who trusted the system and got burned by it. I don't know of anyone who wants to go around making someone sick or hoping to get sick. We already have seen the hate if someone didn't wear a mask into a store. We have seen medical professionals denying care if a person wasn't or couldn't wear the mask. I thought our medical community is here to save lives and not deny care if you are not wearing or putting a product into your body. This kind of rhetoric is pitting neighbor against neighbor. We have already seen from the past what this can do to society and that's not a society that I want to live in. I don't want segregation and discrimination. My parent's generation fought hard to end that.

When did our country go from personal responsibility to one where the government or companies need to take care of me? Once you start understanding our own body and what ways you can strengthen your immune system, that is wisdom. Health doesn't come in the form of an injection or a pill bottle. All Ohioans should have the freedom and right to approve or reject any consumable pharmaceutical product. No public or private entity should put any Ohioan in the position of having to choose between their livelihood or access to goods and service depending on their medical status. In the name of fairness, individual rights, and the American foundation of what our country is based upon, **PLEASE VOTE**

YES ON HB 248!

Sincerely, Michele Miller







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"I am concerned about my freedom from an infectious disease," said Rep. Beth Liston

HB248 states that no one can require a vaccine or proof of vaccination. This means Colleges can't ask about meningitis vaccines, hospitals can't ask health care workers about flu vaccines - and yes businesses or community centers can't ask about COVID.

This bill would set us back more than 100 years to the time of smallpox in terms of public health and saving lives from preventable deadly infections.

https://fox8.com/news/proposed-ohio-legislation -would-put-an-end-to-mandatory-vaccinations/

