

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 Andrea Vagas and I am a professional graphic designer. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because requiring Ohioans to share medical information is a clear invasion of privacy. What I choose to do with my body is my choice and any discussion about it is between my doctor and I.

Denying me service to a business, church, concert venue, grocery store, etc. because I choose not to take a vaccine is discrimination. Those who choose not to take it should not be punished by being denied access to goods and services.

Threatening an employee with repercussions or termination is coercion and another clear denial of personal rights.

The fact that we are even discussing this is ludicrous; this is something dictators do. We are not a communist country. We are a free country with unalienable rights given by God -- not man.

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