

VOTE YES ON HB248

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 Andrew Grant and I run the Dayton area Biohazard and Trauma cleaning company and a dad of 4. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe it is each person's individual responsibility to take care of their own health. Medical information such as vaccines should be a private health matter. I have seen firsthand the type of discrimination my wife has endured for being medically unable to wear a mask. She has been harassed, screamed at, called names to the extent that she had thoughts of suicide. She lost her entire career as she works in public service.

Working for a Trauma cleaning company for the past 4 years, I have seen things not one of you can even imagine. During the shutdown and months following we have had a surge in calls for suicide cleaning services. Out of the hundreds of calls, the most disturbing was for an 11-year-old and another 23-year-old man.

Ohioans mentally have suffered far more than anyone knows. Shutdowns and mask mandates were the first form of discrimination. Forced vaccines and segregated areas for unvaccinated people will be the second and much worse form. It has already started. Therefore, we must pass HB248. Ohioans lives are at stake. Ohio's children deserve better. We deserve better.

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

Sincerely, Andrew Grant