

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 Josh Soudry and I am a quality engineer and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe it is wrong to coerce people by offering workplace freedoms in exchange for getting the vaccine. I have seen this happening in workplaces, and I have personally witnessed people go against their conscience to gain a bit of freedom. Many people have varying objections to the current covid vaccines (along with other vaccines) due to physical disability, religious beliefs, and/or philosophical beliefs. Under no circumstances should our health freedom rights be sacrificed for a “feeling” of safety.

If the state of Ohio does not pass legislation to protect health freedom, then I believe many will leave our state for freedom found in other places. I know for my family I would not hesitate when it comes to the freedom of choice regarding vaccinations.

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

Sincerely,
Josh Soudry