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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.

On March 5th, someone in my family suffered a stroke the day after their second dose of the Pfizer shot. This person is now permanently disabled due to losing most of their vision and cannot walk up and down the stairs without supervision. They are now unable to read and unable to drive. For a fiercely independent and social person, this has severely limited their life. There has been no improvement in this family member's vision since the stroke. In fact, it only seems to be worsening.

Why on Earth is the mandating of this liability-free medical product even being considered? How can we claim to live in a civilized society when employers are now coercing their employees into taking these medical products that are still in clinical trials until 2022? Even the Supreme Court ruled that vaccines are unavoidably unsafe in *Bruesewitz v. Wyeth*, 562 U.S. 223 (2011).

Any compensation for the injury my family member has suffered would come after a long, difficult process. Please read the CNBC article titled "You can't sue Pfizer or Moderna if you have severe Covid vaccine side effects. The government likely won't compensate you for damages either".

I urge you to vote yes on HB 248 and protect the medical rights of all Ohioans. Forced medical procedures should never be allowed in a civilized society. Please do not let my family member's injury be in vain.