

**Written witness testimony North East Ohio Clinical Nurse Specialist (NEOCNS)
Affiliate: Re: HSB 248 Opposition testimony**

The science of vaccination has shown vaccines to be safe, effective and in the public health interest. Numerous papers available through scientific peer reviewed journals and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have shown positive associations for overall health and specific disease prevention. While the scientific literature around COVID-19 is still new and growing, available literature supports vaccination and the safety profile of FDA approved vaccines. Bans and muzzling businesses, educational, healthcare and other institutional establishments from keeping their employees and patrons safe do not follow the science. Northeast Ohio Clinical Nurse Specialist affiliate is part of a national organization of advance practice nurses that represents our members in Northeast Ohio, many of whom work in healthcare and educational settings. Clinical Nurse Specialists have always supported the science of caring and evidence based practice. Legislation that relates to caring for the public from a healthcare perspective needs to be based on science and not on hearsay or partisan politics. Our mission is to support our members and the health of the individuals we care for. As an advance practice nurse organization we oppose HB 248 in favor of patient and public safety.

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