

Ohio HB 248 puts lives at risk. It would ban private employers, schools, and others from requiring vaccines or masks for unvaccinated Ohioans. It would weaken Ohio's vaccination laws in several ways. There are protections already in place in Ohio's laws that allow for individuals to decline vaccinations for medical, religious, and reasons of conscience. HB 248 is based on fear and misinformation and hinders the ability of our hospitals and long-term care facilities to protect our most vulnerable citizens from contagious and deadly diseases. HB 248 is being billed as a "medical freedom bill," but it denies our businesses and employers the freedom to protect their workers and customers from diseases we know can be primarily prevented with vaccines. HB 248, if passed, has the ability to reverse decades of immunity from life-threatening, but vaccine-preventable diseases. Spreading misinformation about vaccines puts lives at risk. Vaccines are safe, effective and the best tool we have to end this pandemic. Stoking vaccine hesitancy is irresponsible and puts lives of Ohioans at risk.