

HB 248: To Prohibit Required Vaccination Status
Opponent Testimony: Jennifer Kelly
Ohio House Health Committee

Chairman Lipps, Vice-Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo and Members of the House Health Committee,

I oppose HB 248 and I am extremely concerned by this legislation, as it would significantly weaken the robust public health framework that protects us from the devastation of many vaccine-preventable diseases. HB 248 does much more than prevent mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations, as it would apply to ALL vaccinations. This bill would decimate our progress in public health in the past century and hinder our efforts to fight communicable diseases in the year to come.

Thanks to vaccines, we live in a safer, healthier place than our ancestors before us did. Vaccinations are truly one of public health's greatest success stories.

I am a mother of a young, school aged child and I urge you to preserve the protection that vaccines have given all of us. Please reject HB 248 to keep Ohioans safe.

Thank you,
Jennifer Kelly