

My name is Alex Nasr, MD and I am a pediatrician at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. I am strongly opposed to HB-248. I have grave concerns that this bill threatens the lives of both children and adults in our community. My experience as a physician has shown me the incredible benefits to vaccinations and the serious harm that come from these preventable illnesses. I have seen infants with permanent brain damage from meningitis due to *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, which is preventable from the routinely recommended vaccine series. Unfortunately, this infant was not old enough to get the vaccine, further emphasizing the importance for those in our community to be protected. I have also witnessed children need assistance with a breathing tube from other preventable illnesses such as influenza. I believe vaccines are one of the greatest advancements we have made in medicine. Please strongly consider opposing this bill. I appreciate your time in acknowledging my concerns.

Sincerely,

Alexander Nasr, MD