

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Nancy Averett. I am a resident of Wyoming, Ohio and I own a small business. I am strongly opposed to House Bill 248, the anti vaccination bill.

I do not think the legislature should be telling our health professionals how to deal with unvaccinated people. HB 248 will take away The ability of colleges, businesses and nursing homes to require vaccinations of their patrons. These entities should have the freedom to decide for themselves whether they want to be forced to cater to individuals who chose not to be vaccinated—when science tells us that vaccines are safe, effective and the best tools we have to end this deadly pandemic. This law is based on fear and lies. It's dangerous and wrong and it will harm Ohio on the long run.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote **NO** on this embarrassing bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.