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Dear Representative Lipps,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide opponent testimony on House Bill 248. I am gravely 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 actually 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 years to come.

As an example, patients of Children's Hospital in Cincinnati have a great safety benefit by having Children's Hospital employees receive influenza vaccinations each year. The downside of Ohio House Bill 248 far exceeds the upside. For the safety of our hospital patients and all Ohioans, I strongly advise against the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,  
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