

**HB 248: To Prohibit Required Vaccination Status**  
**Opponent Testimony: [NAME]**  
**Ohio House Health Committee**  
**June 22, 2021**

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

My name is Gregory King and I write in opposition to HB 248. If HB248 passes it has the potential to be deadly for Ohio citizens and devastating for our economy.

It would almost certainly cause a resurgence of deadly diseases previously controlled for decades by vaccines, including polio, measles, meningitis, HPV, mumps, and rubella. We do not even think about these diseases any more because vaccines have been so successful. This bill puts Ohioans at unnecessary risk.

BH248 also restricts the freedoms of individual business and organizations to set their own safety standards. How many businesses will decide not to locate in Ohio, to expand else where, or to relocate because they cannot operate as they think best to protect the health and safety of their customers and employees?

By opposing BH248 we are asking you to let organizations and businesses to set the standards they feel are needed to protect health and safety. What would be the consequences if a virus like SARS or MERS were to begin spreading in Ohio? This bill would make it almost impossible to prevent its spread.

For the safety of our community, I humbly urge you to reject HB 248.