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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Angie McAlexander and I am Registered Nurse and work at the bedside in a hospital near Dayton, and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because:

1. We advocate for our patients and explain to them their rights; which include the right to refuse treatment. We should be afforded these same rights.
2. We have been working on the frontlines for 17 months. If we willing came in during a pandemic willing to risk our own health, then we should be afforded the choice whether to inject something into our bodies.
3. 3.We were respected and hailed heros 17 months ago. Now we are not even allowed to have medical freedom for ourselves?
4. We are already short staffed. Healthcare workers are willing to leave the field instead of taking the shot. Is Ohio ready for this crisis?
5. I have a brother in law who is a trooper and my husband is a state employee. These mandates have to stop and people should have the medical freedom to decide for themselves whether to take a shot that only "lessens the symptoms" or not.
6. I love my job and taking care of patients. I went into nursing to help people. But I will not sacrifice my body to do so. Please stop this.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Sincerely,

Angie McAlexander RN