

Tiffany Kocsis
Business Owner

House Health Committee

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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 written proponent testimony for House Bill 248.

My name is Tiffany Kocsis and my husband and I own a small business in Reynoldsburg, OH. We have been in business in Central Ohio since 2013. We are also parents and concerned citizens. I have followed HB248 from the beginning and have listened to all of the in-person proponent and opponent testimonies thus far. HB248 is a freedom bill and freedom is exactly what is at stake right now.

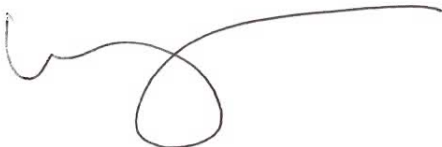
I am in support of HB248 because discrimination does not belong in the workplace, and it does not belong in Ohio. As an employer, I do not feel it is our right to decide which pharmaceutical products my employees consume. All employees are sovereign over their bodies and their choice should not affect their ability to provide for their families. A vaccine is not something that can be removed from the body once consumed.

Many businesses have already started these very discriminatory practices here in Ohio requiring proof of medical records to enter. That is NOT freedom. As it stands, the 3 exemptions in Ohio only apply to K-12. There are no protections in place for everyone else. We NEED protection from discrimination, and we need to preserve our freedom ASAP. If we do not, to what extent will it end?

I urge you to please vote yes on HB248.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide written testimony **in support of HB248.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tiffany Kocsis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tiffany Kocsis