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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 Kurt Feldner and I am an Ohio resident. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe every Ohio resident should have a CHOICE to be vaccinated, based on informed consent and body autonomy.

By allowing employers, organizations, governments, etc, the opportunity to mandate vaccinations, this basically forces the hand of the resident to reveal whether he/she wants to receive or decline the vaccination. This violates my health privacy rights and this is wrong.

I have a daughter who is a labor & delivery nurse in a local hospital who has strong health-related concerns concerning the Covid-19 vaccination, and she does not feel comfortable in receiving the vaccine. Her employer is mandating that all employees MUST receive the vaccine if they wish to keep their jobs. She is NOT anti-vaccine in general, but has some very strong concerns about the Covid-19 vaccines, mostly because there has been no research included that follows a long-term history of the patient, after receiving the injection of the vaccine(s). She is not prepared to accept these Covid-19 vaccines in her body and will NOT take it/them. As a result, she stands to lose her job & livelihood. This is NOT right. She, as well as all Ohio residents deserve the opportunity to have a choice to be vaccinated, based on informed consent and body autonomy.

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

Sincerely,

Kurt Feldner