

Dear 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.

I am submitting my testimony in support of HB 248 and advocating for personal choice and medical freedoms. No one entity should ever have the right to tell you what drug or medical procedure you must have in order to remain employed, or where you can enter, or what vehicle you can ride in etc. This is a very slippery slope into discrimination against citizens of Ohio. I have been in the healthcare field for over 20 years now. First as a nurses aid, then as an RN for the past 18 years and International Board Certified Lactation Consultant for 10 of those years. I am a mother to 5 children and am married to a police officer/firefighter of over 20 years. We have spent our lives caring for the public. Oftentimes abused, unappreciated, overworked, and underpaid. And yet we have remained. We love what we do despite how our employers or patients treat us. But this has gone too far. I have been recently mandated to take this drug or be fired. My husbands job is not yet in jeopardy but likely will be if this bill is not passed. We will be fired before taking this non FDA approved experimental drug into our bodies. We stand firm on our beliefs that God has created us in His image and will protect us. I urge you to vote yes on HB 248 to protect our constitutional rights and freedoms as Americans.

Thank you,

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