

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 Shonda Yost and I am a stay-at-home mom, and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I support medical freedom for every Ohioan. The freedom of choice is a fundamental right. To be coerced or forced to take a vaccination whether it be fully FDA approved or approved under an EUA is tyranny. It's my body and I choose what goes into it. As a parent, I choose what is best for my children. I weigh the benefits and risks and make that choice for myself and my children. As an American I also support that all of us are created equal. It appears to me that what our government is trying to do is divide us. We abolished discrimination and segregation in this country during the last century. Now it's back under the guise of 'health and safety'. We should not be looking at people as sick vs. healthy or vaccinated vs. unvaccinated. Our freedom and civil liberties are disappearing rapidly and if we are not vigilant, they will be gone forever. House Bill 248, in its current form, helps to protect medical freedom in Ohio for our families today and in the future.

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

Sincerely,

Shonda Yost