



we gain by imposing these laws? The science of the past year has shown more harm from masks than good. Who does gain? Who is behind this push for restrictions? Politicians, pharmaceutical companies, big tech companies. Not the American people and not the citizens of Ohio.

Many people, like myself, will refuse a vaccine for many different and valid reasons: medical, ethical, religious, personal. These people will lose the ability to work, support their families, or contribute to Ohio's economy. In fact, if Ohio takes these steps, my family and I plan to leave the state and go to a state that protects our medical freedoms. Ohio will lose. Look at the number of people who are fleeing California because of the imposed restrictions in the past year. Oddly, they've endured high housing costs and wildfires, but the restrictions and a power-hungry governor were the last straw that motivated many to move away. I like Ohio and I'd like to be able to stay here, but I will not comply with this Marxist agenda that removes the freedoms that our country was founded upon.

HB248, The Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act, is necessary to protect Ohioans as well as Ohio's economy.

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

