

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 Chasity Shaffer and I am a registered nurse in the state of Ohio. The reasons I support House Bill 248 are very important to me, my family, my co workers and my patients. I support medical freedom. It is not the government's job to protect my health, it's the government's job to protect my constitutional rights. When you trade liberty for safety you end up losing both. Ohio should continue to allow and protect medical, religious and conscience exemptions for all vaccines in all settings to all Ohioans. Everyone has the right to direct their own health care decisions free from coercion or penalty and with informed consent. Personally, I had Covid-19 in December 2020, I should have antibodies, I should be protected and I should always have a choice. My employer already mandates the annual flu vaccine and now they are mandating the covid-19 vaccine by October 1, prior to FDA approval. Nobody but you should get to decide if taking a product with death listed as a side effect is right for you or your child. Finally, "if you have to be persuaded, reminded, pressured, lied to, incentivized, coerced, bullied, socially shamed, guilt-tripped, threatened, punished and criminalized, if all of this is considered necessary to gain your compliance you can be absolutely certain that what is being promoted is not in your best interest"-Ian Watson

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

Sincerely,

Chasity Shaffer