

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 Diana Smith, I am a Certified Medical Assistant, and there are so many reasons to support House Bill 248. As you are aware Ohio is approximately 45% fully vaccinated. The people that I speak with isn't that we are anti-vaxx, it is that the COVID-19 vaccine is in its early stages. As well as, if the COVID-19 is allowed to be mandated and we must carry a vaccine passport to be able to move freely about, I see history repeating itself during the Holocaust era. Which really frightens me. That is not the FREE America I want to leave to my children and grandchildren.

By implementing its vaccine mandate, you are deliberately taking away my statutorily guaranteed right to decide whether to accept or refuse administration of the COVID-19 vaccines. You will be doing so openly, without any regard for the personal and autonomous right of me to be able to choose whether I want to receive a medical product. You would be effectively forcing me receive an experimental medical treatment to which I do not consent.

The right to informed medical consent is considered a fundamental, overriding principle of medical ethics and international law, first laid down by United States government jurists in the Nuremberg Code. See e.g., *The Nuremberg Code (1947)*, 313 *BMJ* 1448 (1996) ("The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person...[is] able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of...coercion."); see also UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, Article 6(1).

Public policy further demands that uncoerced consent is required. Congress made this plain in the Act by assuring that individuals can make their own medical decisions when it comes to EUA products, even during times of emergency.

The clear policy choice made at the highest levels of government to protect the individual's right to choose is further supported by the fact that whether COVID-19 vaccines are actually safe and effective is not yet known and will not be known until, at the earliest, the Phase III clinical trials are completed. The FDA-approved study protocols for the COVID-19 vaccines' timelines for collecting safety and efficacy data from trial participants is approximately two years. (Moderna's calls for 759 days of data collection, Pfizer's 742 days, and Janssen's 24 months.) When these companies submitted applications for an EUA, they had only accumulated data from study participants for a median of 6 to 8 weeks, i.e., less than 10% of the full study period.

The CDC site state, "Cases of myocarditis and pericarditis in adolescents and young adults have been reported more often after getting the second dose than after the first dose of one of the two mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna. These reports are rare and the known and potential benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks, including the [possible risk of myocarditis or pericarditis](#)." Shouldn't it be my choice whether I believe that the benefits outweigh the risk?

These vaccines have not been proven to prevent infection or transmission. Therefore, requiring me to receive these vaccines to prevent infection is unscientific. Also, with a survival rate of 99.8%, I should have the choice to help my immune system by ways of natural immunity and vitamin supplements, such as Vitamin D3, Vitamin C and Zinc. Should I feel like I'm getting symptoms, I should be able to go to my family doctor and ask for Ivermectin. There are other treatments available to help combat COVID-19 without a vaccine.

Additionally, you need to take into consideration that a significant portion of the population is likely to have had SARS-CoV-2 and fully recovered. Putting aside the immunity conferred by having been previously infected, there have been concerns raised by medical professionals that vaccinating those recently infected can lead to serious injury or death.

The ingredients list for the Moderna Vaccine confirms it has "SM-102". The material Safety Data Sheet states, "This product is for research use - Not for human or veterinary diagnostic or therapeutic use." It also includes:

Carc. 2 H351 Suspected of causing cancer.

Repr. 2 H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

STOT RE 1 H372 Causes damage to the central nervous system, the kidneys, the liver and the respiratory system through prolonged or repeated exposure.

You should consider that there will be poor health outcomes and loss of life due to mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policies forced upon the good people in Ohio.

I respectfully request that you give serious consideration to the issues raised herein and approve HB248.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana D. Smith", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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