

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 Dottie Baker. I was born and raised in Ohio and my husband is a transplant from the state of New York after graduating from The Ohio State University in 1984. We love Ohio and are proud to live here.

I support House Bill 248 because I believe all of us have the right to choose our own medical care and should not be forced to do something that does not align with our personal values and moral beliefs. Foremost in my mind is the known fact that fetal cells and tissue were used for testing and/or use in the COVID19 vaccines. I also do not believe forcing this, or any vaccine on every person is the right answer. There are many other variables that need to be considered and the government should not have the authority to be involved in the private health decisions of its citizens.

In the end if this is not passed, I fear that this will impact all of us, even those that believe that in this case that this particular decision was for “the greater good.”

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

Sincerely,
Dorothy E. Baker