

To: Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony as a proponent of House Bill 248. I write an earnest plea to promulgate this crucial bill into legislation for the following reasons:

- I am a registered nurse and from a medical perspective the data from VAERS substantiates the Covid-19 vaccination is not safe for everyone. The Covid-19 vaccine has resulted in 12,791 deaths; sadly more deaths than from all vaccines combined in the last 20 years. I know of a healthy, young woman who received the vaccine and died 2 days later of myocarditis/pericarditis. As of August 6, 2021, there have been over 4371 cases of myocarditis/pericarditis, 5,282 cases of anaphylaxis, 4,461 of Bell's palsy, 16,044 people permanently disabled, 5,590 heart attacks, 1,505 miscarriages and 51,242 hospitalizations as a result of this vaccine.
- There are very high survival rates for Covid-19 per CDC data:
 - 0-19 yrs old: 99.997%
 - 20-49 yrs old: 99.98%
 - 50-69 yrs old: 99.5%
 - 70+ yrs old: 94.6%
- There are proven effective medications to treat covid-19: hydroxychloroquine has been FDA approved for 65 years. Once a medication is FDA approved it can be prescribed by a physician for any reason. Many times drugs are prescribed for the specific reason the manufacturer requested or "on-label" use; other times drugs may be prescribed for a different reason or "off-label" use. Being on or off label is not related to the drug's safety or efficacy. Hydroxychloroquine has been highly effective in treating covid-19, especially early on or prophylactic. Many other safe medications such as ivermectin, budesonide, dexamethasone, zinc, vitamin D, vitamin C, and azithromycin have been proven effective treatments. Therefore, a covid-19 vaccination is not the only option in preventing Covid-19.
- Prophylactic vaccines should not be used in the midst of a pandemic. With most viruses, the variants get weaker. Unfortunately, covid-19 vaccinations will produce the opposite effect. Typically the non-specific antibodies in our bodies fight the variants. However, vaccine-induced antibodies are specific. This allows other viruses to infect as the specific antibodies dominate; they are more robust and out-compete the non-specific antibodies. When the variants come in, the non-specific antibodies can't fight. That explains why we are now seeing many covid breakthrough cases of the vaccinated.
- The Declaration of Independence states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." Therefore, life is what I choose. I don't choose to be injected with a Covid-19 vaccination with the possibility of death. Just as I do not choose to be infected with the Covid-19 virus; which certainly is not in my complete control. Whereas, taking away my liberty as an American citizen to freely choose my medical treatments would be criminal. As stated in the Declaration of Independence, government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed. I do not give consent to receive the covid-19 vaccination. Enforcing mandatory covid-19 vaccinations by government legislation would be detrimental to the citizens of Ohio and the USA.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide testimony for the support of house bill 248. I truly appreciate those in governing positions and committees who give their time and energy in serving Ohioans and protecting our American freedoms.

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