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

My name is Valerie Vernon and my husband is Robert Vernon. I write on behalf of both of us. HB 248 is extremely important to us and to our family. We have lived in Ohio since 1976 and believe that we and all Ohioans should have authority over our medical decisions and be able to keep those decisions private. We have never been forced to take a medication we did not want, nor take a vaccine we chose not to take. This bill would protect against those who "could" threaten removal of my husband and many others from their positions and who would force us to take drugs which could potentially harm us now and in the future.

In our family, we have MDs, Phd's, and two people even working in the pharmaceutical business. All have extensive knowledge and varying opinions about vaccines and drugs, but we all agree that medical decisions should be private and ultimately made by the individual.

Thank you for your time and for representing the people of Ohio,

Valerie and Robert Vernon