

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 Craig N. Kessler and I am a father and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because my family has been severely impacted by the continuing Covid-19 / Pandemic. As a parent of a special needs child with complex medical issues the thought of having a business / institution / school / facility / etc. requiring he (or any of our other family members) have the Covid-19 vaccination concerns me greatly. Due to his medical issues taking the vaccine has the potential to give him serious harm.

In addition, vaccinations by both Moderna and Pfizer are under "FDA Emergency Use" – neither of these have yet to be fully approved by the FDA. Finally, the clinical trials for these vaccinations won't be over until 2023. My family and I don't believe that they are safe.

Because of this we are concerned that businesses / schools / various institutions in the state of Ohio may require my son (or my family) to receive a vaccination before allowing us to enter their facilities. We believe that this is WRONG and we are concerned that the state of Ohio may allow this kind of a requirement unless a law is written to protect millions of Ohioans across our state like us.

It is because of the above reasons that I encourage you to vote YES on HB 248 and to allow Ohioans (like my family) the choice to go where they please without a vaccination requirement.

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

Thank you,



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