

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 Jean Stratman and I am a retired accountant who has lived my entire life in Ohio. I have never been involved in politics (other than voting) until now. I must express my support for House Bill 248 because I can think of no more intrinsic right a person has than to decide what to put in their own body. Even if there were no concerns with the vaccine efficacy or safety, it is each individual's RIGHT, guaranteed by the constitution through the 9<sup>th</sup> amendment (The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people). and 10<sup>th</sup> amendments (The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, **or to the people.**) Religious or medical exemptions are not needed since the Constitution is clear. In fact, if it wasn't for the current political climate this bill wouldn't be needed. The people retain the right to determine what to put in their bodies.

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

Sincerely,  
Jean Stratman