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Chairman P. Scott Lipps
Committee on Health
Ohio House of Representatives
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Dear Chairman Lipps,

On behalf of Vaccinate Your Family, a nonprofit, nonpartisan group dedicated to increasing access to immunization and combatting misinformation about vaccines, I am writing to express our deep concerns about House Bill 248.

As you know, vaccines are critical in the fight against COVID-19, as well as many other deadly communicable diseases, including influenza, measles and other potentially fatal conditions. As we begin to return to normal, we must not deter individuals away from safe and effective vaccines. We are also concerned that this bill will contribute to the current climate of skepticism and misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccine and build distrust about other recommendation immunizations.

We ask, therefore, that the Committee oppose HB 248 and other dangerous anti-vaccine legislation. For more information, please contact Jaimie Vickery, Manager of State and Federal Vaccine Policy at jaimie@vaccinateyourfamily. We look forward to working with you to fight vaccine preventable disease and promote the best health outcomes for all Ohioans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Pisani".

Amy Pisani
Executive Director, Vaccinate Your Family