

Dear Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the committee,

I am a mother of three, and an Assistant Principal at a small catholic school in Cincinnati, Ohio in House District 29. I am writing to you because I am seriously concerned about the continuous overreach of the Federal Government on the personal lives of Ohioans. There are many areas I believe the Federal Government has overstepped its jurisdiction, but the most recent area that stands to have a significant impact on my family's well-being is the federal vaccine mandate on private businesses. We have managed Covid successfully since March of 2020 within our small community and school to date. I do not believe it is fair or constitutional for the Federal Government to dictate that my staff and I need to receive (unwanted) medical treatment (both vaccine and testing) to work so we can provide for our families. We are capable of making those decisions on our own, without the government interfering. If this mandate passes, my staff and I will have to make the difficult choice between standing up for our rights or giving in so that we can continue to provide for our families. If we do not do something now to limit the Federal Government from meddling in our lives, there will likely be a day, in the not too distant future, where we have lost all of our God-given freedoms to the Federal Government. Therefore, in closing, I strongly encourage you to support HJR 1 and pass it on to the House for a full vote.

Thank you for your service to Ohio and for allowing me the opportunity to share my testimony.

Yours in Christ,

Christel Murphy