

Dear Chairman Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee, Thank you for allowing me to provide support testimony for HB 319; "The Conscientious Right to Refuse Act."

I am a proponent for HB 319. I am a healthcare worker.

My employer required Covid vaccination to continue to be employed even at a point when I worked from home and had zero face to face encounters with patients. I had to obtain an attorney to assist me with an exception request. This product was experimental and was claimed to stop transmission which was not true. People have been vaccine injured.

As a healthcare worker I should be afforded the same medical decision rights for informed consent relating to benefits vs risks, as any patient. Of course, during state of emergency, all rights of all patients were taken away. People were coerced to take experimental products.

I had covid infection acquired immunity proven by t cell testing. Mandating me to take a product or lose my job was additionally abnormal considering there were tests available to obtain t cell immunity status of people. There was an unnatural push for experimental vaccination rather than push for early treatment or testing for acquired immunity. Some speculate this was done due to the legal requirement that Emergency Use Authorization can only be approved if there are no other products available to use and certain risk qualifiers are met.

Other state legislatures have done the right and wise thing by providing medical freedom laws to protect their state citizens. Healthcare workers should not be forced to be injected with products that have ZERO liability for the safety of that product. When vaccine injuries occur, then it is nearly impossible to obtain compensation for the injury. During the start of Covid, First Responders were considered heroes, as they worked all of 2020 without a vaccine. Most had Covid infection acquired immunity. These same workers were then discriminated against when any of them refused to take the experimental products. This must never happen again.

Ohioans should have their right of conscience and religion protected from the medical over-reach of employers or those providing public services. Both the U.S. and Ohio State constitutions address the right of conscious and religious freedom. It is time to make sure that those freedoms are protected at the state level.

I urge the committee members to please vote yes on HB 319.