

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."

My personal experience with this issue started back in 2021. My company was getting ready to require the Covid "vaccine" in order to continue employment. They forced us to submit our personal medical information. They told us it would be very unlikely they would approve any religious exemptions. They were already set to not believe us.

No job is worth my life. No job is worth violating my religious convictions. I was prepared to lose my job if I had to. While I needed the income to survive, my life and my convictions are priceless. Thankfully the Supreme Court stepped in. Had they not, it was made known to me I would likely lose my job regardless of my sincerely held religious beliefs. This was a very stressful period.

There were certain events I was no longer allowed to attend. I do not ever want to go through that again. That's why I write you today. I've seen too many people sick and dying from this forced shot. It has become very clear this was all about money. The NIH knew what they were doing was wrong which is why they hid their correspondence on it. You MUST protect us from this trampling of our constitutional rights and our ability to decline any vaccine or drug without facing discriminatory action both now and in any future pandemic. 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 you to vote yes on HB319.