

## Written Testimony for HB

319

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.”

*It is very important to me to retain the right to decline any vaccine or drug that violates my conscience or my religion without facing discriminatory action both now and in any future pandemic. In my opinion, it is unacceptable to force any person to do something against their will in-order to go about their daily business.*

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.