

TESTIMONY for HB319- "The Conscientious Right to Refuse Act."

Chairman Cutrone, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Smani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to provide support testimony for HB319, "The Conscientious Right to Refuse Act."

It is an important freedom for me to retain the right to decline any vaccine or drug that I don't want. Being tracked like a predator to prove I submitted to a vaccine or drug is anti-American and my conscience tells me it is wrong. What happened to "My Body, My Choice?" Further, facing discriminatory action because I utilize my right to choose what is best for me and my family, goes against every right this country and state stands for and denies my basic freedoms.

Although I was never discriminated against during the past alleged pandemic because I am retired, I have relatives and friends that faced losing their jobs if they did not comply with this outrageous mandated rule of vaccination. Also, I had one close family member not go back to work after he was laid off because of the threat of being forced to take a vaccine to be re-hired. This is un-American and a dictator type threat.

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

I urge the committee members to please vote "yes" on HB319."