

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

It is vitally important to those in our faith community and the entire community to retain the right to decline any vaccine or drug that violates our conscience or our religious beliefs without facing discriminatory action both now and in any future pandemic. It is shocking to know that companies, businesses, education, and medical facilities have forced workers, students and staff to lose their status and/or position should they not take the vaccine. Many were barred from medical services such as transplants unless they took the vaccine.

The vaccine injuries due to the covid mandates can fill a number of large 300+ page books. My own brother-in-law died from blood clots and a stroke after taking the vaccine. I am aware of many in our communities who continue to suffer from vaccine injuries. The parents of our granddaughter were told that if she took a mild dose of a certain common behavioral pill, that she would be able to transition from this drug with little or no after effects. After being on the drug for several days, she experienced horrific symptoms similar to alcoholic withdrawal. Ohioans must have the right of conscience and religion protected from the medical over-reach of employers. I urge the committee members to vote a resounding "yes" on HB319.

Thank you,

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