

## WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 73

I have been a Nurse Practitioner in Primary Care for 23 years. The health provider/patient relationship is based on honesty and giving factual information so patients can make the best decision for their health in their situation. A patient cannot exercise fully informed consent if healthcare providers are unable to express their concerns about vaccine risks or any health related treatment risks, because at the current time, they face the risk of retaliation against their professional licenses or reputations. The current litigation and revoking or suspending medical professional licenses also deters people from coming into the medical fields. Why should they spend their time and money to pursue a career that forces them to abandon critical thinking and conform to thinking that is against their better judgement or conscience? Then there is the risk of losing a license that allows them to practice and provide support for themselves and their families. We have a shortage of primary care providers now!

House Bill 73 is also needed to address the issue of WHO jurisdiction in the State of Ohio. We cannot have any organization making health care mandates and censoring public speech as this constitutes intrusive interference in our freedom of speech and our right to decide what health care is best for us as individuals. This is a slippery slope that leads only to more government and world control instead of less. We have seen over the past 4 years the negativity, destruction, and deaths that have resulted over this type of control!

Therefore, I ask you to support HB 73 to maintain the rights of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and the public by not allowing the government to intrude!

Thank you,

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