



NVIC Position Statement in Support of OH HB 12

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Hello. My name is Dawn Richardson. I am offering this written testimony in support of HB 12 as the director of advocacy for the nonprofit National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) founded in 1982.

[HB 12](#) prohibits a health-related licensing board, department of health, or other state agency responsible for the licensure or regulation of health care professionals from infringing on the free speech through licensure or regulatory discipline or fines against a health care professional who expresses an opinion regarding a drug or medical intervention, including a vaccine, that conflicts with the opinion of the board, department of health, or other health authority. This is part of a larger right to try off-label use drug bill. NVIC does not take a position on provisions in this bill that are unrelated to vaccination.

Doctors are under attack for speaking up about disease treatment options and vaccine risks. Some have even had their license suspended because they dared to question the COVID-19 narrative on medications and vaccines. The passage of HB 12 is necessary because it will STOP the state licensing boards from coming after medical professionals who speak publicly or to their patients about disease treatment options and vaccination risks. A patient cannot exercise fully informed consent if healthcare providers are unable to express their concerns about vaccine risks because they face the risk of retaliation against their professional licenses or reputations.

Doctors have been punished for expressing concerns about vaccine risks, but it turns out, they are correct, and the state licensing board has been wrong. Brave physicians willing to speak about what they are seeing in their patients and save lives. This is information that we all should have available to us when making informed vaccination decisions. As of April 1, 2025, The United States Government has paid out more than [\\$5.36 billion dollars to vaccine victims](#) through the [National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program \(VICP\)](#). As of March 28, 2025, there were [49,478 deaths](#) and [2,665,796 adverse events](#) reported to the US government's [Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System](#). Clearly, there are dangers associated with vaccines that should not be ignored, and doctors should not be punished for providing their patients or the public with this information.

To learn more, you can [read or watch NVIC co-founder and president Barbara Loe Fisher discuss vaccine risk censorship](#) in her February 26, 2024, testimony at US Senator Ron Johnson's "[Federal Health Agencies and the COVID Cartel: What are They Hiding?](#)" roundtable. Thank you. Please support and pass HB 12.