

Rick L. Fiste Testimony in Support of Ohio HB 248

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Just a bit of info about me. I am retired Engineering and Engineering Manager involved in new product development and introduction, as well as sustaining support for existing product lines...for a group within GE Aviation. I was involved in products which underwent extensive review regarding safety and reliability and targeted performance compliance.

Upon retiring from that career, I have become Lead Pastor of a church in the Medway, Ohio areas.

I stand in full support of the passing of HB 248 for the following reasons:

- The current COVID 19 vaccinations offered are based on new medical approach and technology, but were not subjected to formal peer review rigor in order to avoid opposing viewpoints regarding their efficacy, effectiveness, impact, or safety. There is no precedent to form a valid prediction of potential ill effects long term or even in the next 6 months.
- Like myself, there are those who medical expertise (including physicians) says would be ill-advised to take the COVID vaccine. However, without the restraint of HB 248 myself and those like me would suffer restrictions imposed upon our life simply because of not taking the vaccine...such as passports or exclusions or threatened liabilities.
- My personal physician has advised me against taking the COVID vaccine due to my physical condition and situation. However, my physician has to give such honest, medical science based on his detailed awareness of my medical situation, on the “down-low” due to the extreme pressure to push his vaccine on everybody. I submit such “pressure” is a detriment to the true “science” and hinders “following the science” as applied to unique situations...greatly.
- Since the COVID vaccines offered are purported to prevent or at least diminish the likelihood of contracting COVID 19, there is no reason a non-vaccinated person poses a threat of transmission to those who have received the vaccine. Otherwise...one must question the effectiveness of the vaccine.
- The imposition of comprehensive mandates to take the vaccines represents a threat to my civil liberty and the civil liberty of all Ohioans regarding the right to choose what is best for personal health. The argument that my personal decision to not take the vaccine is negated in that those who choose to take the vaccine are inherently protected. Those who do not choose to take the vaccine

are accepting any risk they may incur without intruding on the risk to others who choose to take the vaccine.

- Whereas the pharmaceutical who have developed the vaccines have claimed “use” of six sigma methodology, I have not to date been able to find actual statement that the vaccines are six sigma reliable. One can use six sigma methodology in study and processing, yet not obtain six sigma results. Such has not be clearly delineated to me.
- I have personally experienced the adverse effects of vaccines applied thru the experience of our daughter. She was injured to disability from taking the HPV Vaccine. I feel this COVID19 presents plausible threat to the future well being of takers for the reasons I have outlined. The impact of this NEW vaccine, which is often not even termed a “vaccine” by medical people, is certainly not fully understood nor predictable to even six sigma reliability, and as such should not be “mandated” and executed with resulting penalties if not vaccinated. It is a valid “risk” people should have the right to choose or avoid.