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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Dr. Jennifer Geyer, and I am a college professor, licensed mental health counselor, and homeschooling mom. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe we are on the precipice of medical apartheid. I am not an anti-vaxxer. I have had all my childhood vaccinations, and my children have had all of theirs. However, as I do with many things in my life, I have taken a great deal of time to educate myself on recent recommended vaccinations, including the COVID-19 experimental gene therapy vaccines. Based upon my research, I have decided the COVID-19 vaccine is not for me for several reasons.

First, I believe I have already had the virus. Therefore, it is likely that I already have t-cells that will work better at protecting me from the virus than any vaccine ever would. Secondly, I do not believe there has been enough time to examine the long-term effects of the vaccines as they are. Indeed, there have been thousands of reports of adverse effects on the VAERS system! I have seen countless reports of adverse effects ranging from pain at the vaccination site, which is minor, all the way to death. There has not been enough time or research conducted on these vaccines to know how they are going to impact people. In addition, my healthcare provider has recommended to me that I not take the vaccination. Finally, I have numerous allergies which make it highly likely that I would have an adverse reaction to the vaccines.

I should be allowed to make this choice in a free country. No government official, group, individual, or business should be able to tell me that I cannot do something like attend an event, go to a store, or even work because I have chosen not to take a vaccination, any vaccination.

I believe I should have the freedom to choose whether or not to be vaccinated. I believe every single person in Ohio should have the freedom to choose whether or not to be vaccinated. No person should be coerced into taking a vaccination at the threat of being refused services or access to events, businesses, or anything. Sadly, this is the direction Ohio is heading. The governor has made it perfectly clear that he supports vaccination passports and discrimination against people who chose not to be vaccinated or wear a mask. Medical choice appears to be moving in the direction of segregation. The message is, "Either you choose to mask, or you lose

your freedom. Either you choose to be vaccinated, or you lose your freedom.” This is scary to me as a freedom loving American!

I have already been refused services for not wearing a mask, including necessary medical services. I can only imagine what will happen if the governor’s irrational, anti-American dreams are realized, and government agencies or businesses are able to make medical decisions for others. There are two words for it: medical apartheid.

Please restore reason, logic, and freedom to Ohio. Please protect Ohioans. Please expediently pass House Bill 248!

Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Geyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. Jennifer Geyer