

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 George Ilavsky and I am a medical laboratory technician that is an advocate of medical freedom, liberty, and preserving and protecting the U.S. Constitution. I am asking for your support and passage of House Bill 248, the Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act.

It is solely my responsibility to make the best health decisions that will benefit and improve my health and wellbeing. The government, my employer, a doctor, or even my mother cannot make the final say when it comes to my health decisions. What is the best health decision? That question can be answered through an individual's morals, ethics, and religion. Certainly, not all people agree on everything or what the best decision should be, which is why we leave decisions in the hands of the individual. A person's health decisions are based on understanding their body, their wants and needs, and guidance through their morals and beliefs. For these reasons, decisions must be left to the individual on whether to accept any vaccine or not.

The passage of HB 248 is critical legislation for myself, my family, and all Ohioans. Where there is no liability there must be a choice. Currently, vaccine manufactures have been shielded from liability for adverse reactions from vaccines due to the passing of the National Childhood Injury Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-660). Compensation from a vaccine injury or death must be pursued through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. This compensation program does not allow a person to sue and is not in front of a jury of one's peers. This removes or greatly diminishes the checks and balances for vaccine safety studies and a fair trial if one is injured by a vaccine. Contrary to the repeated mantra that "vaccines are safe," in 2011, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that vaccines are "unavoidably unsafe."

Mandating vaccines contradicts and violates the Ohio Constitution, Article I – Bill of Rights I.01 Inalienable Rights (1851), which is "All men are, by nature, free and independent, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and seeking and obtaining happiness and safety." Vaccine mandates constrain liberty, violates property (one's own body), and takes away safety or precautionary measures, such as declination of a medical procedure. Mandating vaccines removes informed consent, which removes a safety layer. As mentioned above the National Childhood Injury Act of 1986 indemnifies vaccine manufacturers from any damage, loss, or injury, which violates the Ohio Constitution, Article I – Bill of Rights I.05 Trial by Jury and the U.S. Constitution's 7th Amendment, which in summary is that every trial has a right to a jury. A person cannot simply file a lawsuit against a vaccine manufacturer or request a trial consisting of a jury of his or her peers.

House Bill 248 is desperately needed as Ohio businesses have decided to take it upon themselves to mandate the Covid vaccine for employment. They have no right to make

such mandates for any medical procedure. Currently, there is no law requiring it. Businesses are not lawmakers. Mandates must go through the legislative process and become law while preserving the U.S. Constitution and freedom of choice before any business can require such oppressive measures. It is important to note that the Covid vaccine was released under the Emergency Use Authorization, 21 U.S. Code § 360bbb-3 - Authorization for medical products for use in emergencies. This law requires that one must be given the option to accept or refuse the administration of the product. The Covid vaccine must be considered as an experimental drug as it has not gone through animal trials and has ingredients that are for research only and not intended for human or veterinary use. According to the FDA, the Covid vaccine contains SM-102. Caymen Chemical is a biotechnology company that manufactures SM-102 for pharmaceutical companies. The safety data sheet for SM-102 states that it is, "For research use only, not for human or veterinary use."

Other states and airlines nationwide are implementing vaccine passports. What we are witnessing now is an increase in discriminatory action taken against unvaccinated citizens in Ohio and throughout the United States. Some baseball stadiums and sporting events have begun to segregate according to vaccination status. I thought we would have learned from our history how vile and un-American segregation is and why we passed important laws ending it. It seems that we are right on track to repeat our mistakes.

I believe HB 248 is more urgent than any other legislation that the legislature is currently considering. Please vote YES on HB 248 and ensure its quick passage to protect our citizens. Without the right to dictate our own medical choices over our bodies, there is no longer freedom. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

George Ilavsky

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