

Re: Testimony as a Proponent of HB 248

Dear House Health Committee Members,

I am asking you to vote YES for HB 248 - The Vaccine Choice & Anti-Discrimination Act. Currently, all brands of the COVID-19 vaccine/injection are Emergency Use Authorized only. According to the FDA rules, any vaccine that is EUA cannot be mandated. That means that a vaccine passport is currently illegal. Should the COVID-19 become FDA approved, it is still illegal to mandate the injection, according to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which says that no one will be discriminated against because of race, religion, etc. Each person has the right to medical privacy and should have the right to choose their own medical path according to their conscience. It is the responsibility of each individual to take care of their own health. That is NOT the responsibility of the government. Many people across the state may be likely to decline vaccines like the COVID-19 injection for conscientious, religious, or medical reasons. Without the exemption provisions this bill provides, the concept of a vaccine passport could easily lead to a class system in Ohio where segregation and discrimination will proliferate. This is unconscionable.

I am asking you to pass HB 248 through to the House floor for a full vote as soon as possible, so that HB 248 can be sent on to the Senate and passed into law before your legislative summer break.

Respectfully,
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