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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. Jolena Miller, I am a chiropractor/ business owner in Tiffin, Ohio. The reason I support HB 248 is because I believe people who choose not to take the injection are not doing it out of laziness, disregard or hatred for our fellow Ohio citizens. We value our health just as much as every other person. Discriminating against people, who do not want this injection, is not right.

I have Bachelor of Science degrees in both Sports Medicine and Human Biology, I am a Doctor of Chiropractic for 19 years now. I have been self-employed in private practice for last 18 years. Over those 18 years, I have missed only 3 days of work, due to sickness. My husband and I have a 12 year old son and an 11 year old daughter, in 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Since kindergarten, I can count on one hand how many days of school they have missed, for being sick. I tell you all of this not only because we use our exemptions to not vaccinate our kids, for school. But also to show that we are not sickly, diseased individuals that everyone says we are going to be. We truly value our health. We eat healthy and exercise. We take supplements to support us. It is obviously working because we are rarely sick. So to say we are going to spread a virus to someone just because we have chosen not to take an Emergency Authorization Usage experimental, non-FDA approved injection, whose clinical trial will not even be over until 2022 for the Pfizer and 2023 for the Moderna vaccine, is absolutely wrong. So for this reason, I, not the state, or a private or public business, should be in charge of my health and the health of my children.

It seems absolutely insane to me that in our current environment, an obese, smoking, fast food eating, Ohio citizen would be deemed "healthier" than myself and my children, only because they got their vaccine.

The discrimination is already starting because my daughters dance studio sent an email on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, stating that if you are 12 and over and you present your vaccine card, you can take your mask off to dance. But if you haven't had the vaccine or you are under 12, you still have to dance with your mask on. This is not right at all! It makes me sick to think that they are holding oxygen hostage to the unvaccinated, in fear of a virus that doesn't even affect kids of this age. Now my daughter is only 11 so she still has to keep her mask on the whole time. But when she turns 12 in six months, this will then apply to her.

My concern is that today it is Covid-19, next year it could be another vaccine. What is to stop the vaccine manufacturers from releasing and mandating a vaccine every year. Although, I am self-employed now, that may not always be the case. I need to know that my rights and medical freedoms will follow me wherever I go and whatever I choose to do. I strongly believe we shouldn't have to beg for the freedom to decide what is injected our bodies, especially when these vaccine manufactures have absolutely no liability for their products.

As a business owner, I can't even imagine turning away any person based on their health status, let alone their vaccine status. In 2019, according to the World Health Organization, 1.4 million people died of Tuberculosis and 1.2 million children became ill with TB globally. Tuberculosis is spread from person to person through the air by coughing, sneezing or spitting. In my lifetime, I do not ever recall any

person or place of business asking me about my TB status. I truly believe the same health freedom should be awarded to all Ohio citizens, with regard to Covid-19. We went from two weeks to flatten the curve or don't overwhelm the hospitals to now, no one can ever be sick. That is an unattainable goal.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248. I strongly urge you to please vote yes on HB 248.

Sincerely,

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