

Ohio House Health Committee

Written Testimony

RE: HB248

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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 Martin Patton and I am a retired Firefighter/Medic and retired research engineer. I support House Bill 248 because the present governor of Ohio has so abused the power of his office and the constitution of the state. It is clear that he will continue this abuse unless checked by responsible legislation. I believe that HB248 is such legislation.

Human beings are autonomous in their persons. For this reason, there can be no universal medical orders issued by the state. Each person must weigh the risks against the benefits of proposed medical treatment and privately decide for or against any treatment. The state has no right or authority to force any treatment on any person against the will of the person. No medical doctor has the right or authority to force any treatment on any person against the will of the person. Free people in the United States believe that their rights come from God, not from the state or from the medical profession. The right to autonomy of person is unalienable and of divine origin. Parents have the right given to them by their creator, not by their governor or legislature, to opt for or against any proposed medical treatment for minor children. Even a ward of the state must be treated as autonomous and so universal medical treatment of prisoners against their will is wrong.

Mask mandates and vaccination passports are tools of tyrannical government, nothing less and nothing more. The recent policies enacted by the governor (to purportedly combat a viral infection similar to the seasonal flu) were instituted without the counsel or consent of the legislature were ineffective at best and deadly at worst to the citizens of the state.

Medicine is an art that relies partially on science. Science is not the source of all that is true. Each person has the right to weigh and evaluate the art, science and morality of any proposed medical treatment and choose freely and privately whether or not to accept the treatment. Action by the legislature is required against the executive branch under the present set of circumstances.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M O Patton". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Martin O. Patton