

*Dear 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 Christine Valigore. I am a Registered Nurse, BSN in the State of OH, and have been so since 1974. I have worked for nearly 30 years in the Operating Room of 2 major world known health care systems and am now retired. I am also the single mom (for nearly 40 years) of 5 (now adult) children and grandmother of 7. I also am fully aware of what surgical masks are capable of, (let alone neckerchieves, undershirts, bandannas, and homemade masks) that have been mandated by the OH Governor.*

*I support HB 248 because the ability to exercise our God given rights and freedoms afforded to us by the Bill of Rights, U.S. Constitution, and the OH Constitution should not be dependent on our medical history or vaccination status. No entity--government, private business, school system or even airlines, should have the power to mandate a vaccination or any other medical treatment to engage in inperson basic rights such as to be able to recreate, shop, receive an education (for which we ALL pay taxes), travel, receive medical care, or our ability to secure a job to earn a living.*

*NEVER in the history of our country has this ever been required, but right now, this is being pushed -- for a disease with a 99.9% SURVIVAL rate!! It should also be illegal to be questioned by any private/public entity about one's vaccination status or medical history or to show proof of such vaccination, medication or treatment to be able to participate.*

*I am hoping that this bill will also dissuade any further attempts to prohibit our rights for any other future diseases that may come along.*

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

*Most Sincerely,*

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