

Dear Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, Thank You All for this opportunity to provide Proponent Testimony on House Bill 248!

My name is Robert Abramczyk and I am a Sales Manager of Industrial Valves for an Ohio distributor servicing much of Ohio's manufacturers of primary metals, all types of chemicals, food and beverages, various OEM's, water and wastewater municipalities, oil and gas equipment, the energy sector and many others.

The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe in the basic rights of all American citizens and the founding of America as the most amazing experiment in Liberty and Freedom ever conducted in the history of mankind! "We the People" have historically enjoyed, and should continue to have, Medical Freedom from discrimination. The government cannot and should not be able to make medical decisions for individuals. We are created as an equal people, but our physical bodies are unique. What is right for one is not always right for another and may be dangerous to some.

Our health and our choice to make medical decisions should be in collaboration with our medical physicians and personal health specialists. These are personal decisions that should remain private and be made in accordance with our individual medical conditions. This is what makes America the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

Why do you think we have hundreds of thousands of people risking their lives, and sadly the lives of their very young children each and every day, crossing our southern borders illegally? Why also do we have thousands of people that have been waiting patiently and following the legal process to become American citizens? They are all coming here to be FREE.

The same reason my wife's family came here (legally) many years ago from the former Yugoslavia to escape their tyrannical communist/socialist dictator. She strived and suffered through unimaginable circumstance in order to have the ability to make her own choices without discrimination, or fear of job loss or not being able to send our children to school.

As our elected Representatives, you took an oath to represent the people, and the people are speaking out and asking you NOT to discriminate against our God-given rights to our own bodily autonomy and Religious Freedom. This is what our country stands for! We should never be persuaded or coerced into any medical treatment, including the Covid-19 vaccines, especially when they are only in EUA currently. Different people have different medical situations and only a doctor and his/her patient can make medical decisions together and these need to be private decisions. Please allow us the right to make our own decisions, as we have always done in the past. Our Constitutional rights should never be suspended, even in an emergency situation. You took an oath to our Constitution and we would appreciate it if you would uphold your oath and hear the people.

A new virus (of which there are always viruses we live with) cannot and should not change our entire life, usurp our liberties and the Constitution and take away our Patient Bill of Rights. I am NOT an anti-vaxxer as my entire family has been vaccinated, on schedule. I have always supported vaccines, but the government should never tie vaccinations to other privileges. It is outrageous to even suggest a vaccine passport in the 21st century. We have Medical Rights in this country that need to be upheld and I am humbly asking you to continue to support those rights. Taking away our rights to medical freedom and bodily autonomy will do nothing to unite this country, but only deepen the divide.

The governor's Vax-a Million lottery is appalling and disgusting to say the least and should be an illegal use of our hard-earned tax dollars!!

All Americans should have the right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness and there is nothing that states these rights are only available to those who are vaccinated. Allowing anything otherwise, would be Un-American.

Therefore I urge you to **VOTE YES on HB 248!!!**

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

Sincerely,

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