

**Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion and give testimony on House Bill 248.**

**My name is LeDawn Baker and I am a real estate agent in our family owned business located in central Ohio. I am extremely concerned at the loss of civil liberties being taken by our state government during the ongoing "Covid pandemic". The decision to get vaccinated with an experimental Covid vaccine or any other vaccine should remain a private decision. Shouldn't I be able to privately make whatever decisions I need to make in order to protect my own health? Shouldn't I be able to religiously object to having a Covid vaccine without the fear of being discriminated against?**

**There are several valid remedies available to me if I were to contract Covid and it is my choice to decide which remedy I would like to partake in. I don't need the state government forcing me to take a "cure" which very well may be worse than the disease itself. Honestly, how could we even know when there has not been sufficient testing on these vaccines? What is the efficacy of these vaccines?? People have died or have been adversely affected by these experimental vaccines per VAERS database. And I do not wish to be the subject of a Covid vaccine experiment.**

**What support if any does this vaccination even provide people? Again what is the efficacy of these Covid vaccines?? WE DON'T KNOW. What are the short term affects of being vaccinated? WE DON'T KNOW. What are**

**the long-term affects of being vaccinated? WE DON'T KNOW because there has not been enough time to test the effects of these experimental Covid vaccines!! Why is the state government pushing a vaccine that is EXPERIMENTAL?**

**As Ohioans we all need to be given a little elbow room to make our own personal decisions about experimental therapy vaccines for Covid. It will be a sad day for Ohio if our state government insists that people show proof of vaccination in order to do any specific activity. I already see first hand social divides in my local community where certain people refuse to associate closely with unvaccinated individuals. How much worse will social tensions rise if we would be forced to show vax papers in order to grocery shop or receive particular services or be in certain venues???**

**HB 248 is an essential legislation to protect half of Ohio citizens who in good conscience object to these Covid experimental vaccines. VACCINE CHOICE MUST REMAIN.**

**Forcing vaccine passports or vaccine disclosures may very well further divide a hurting country. And what about the people who are mentally challenged or have other socio economic disadvantages? This puts undue pressure on those people who don't understand the biology of experimental therapies, don't understand the consequences of taking such therapies and furthermore don't have the financial resources or ability to navigate this complex issue should they have health issues arising from taking an experimental covid remedy.**

**Pressuring, bribing and cajoling Ohio citizens to get**

**vaxxed and forcing disclosure of vaccination status is an inhumane treatment of Ohio citizens.**

**All Americans and Ohioans need to be given the right to make these medical decisions about vaccines for themselves in private. Other states are already passing legislation similar to HB 248 and Ohio needs to get ahead of this nonsense and do the same thing for its people.**

**Honestly, HB 248 is the right thing to do for Ohio. Thank God for Jennifer Gross for proposing this essential legislation for Ohio. I am 100% in support of Vaccine Choice and the Anti-Discrimination Act. Please take immediate action to preserve our freedom of VACCINE CHOICE.**

**Thank you for reading this and considering my voice in this matter.**

**LeDawn Baker**