

Written-only Testimony for Ohio House Bill 248

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 Laura Batterton and I am a stay-at-home mom and homeschool teacher to my five year old twins. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe strongly that the individual rights of each Ohio need to be protected when it comes to consuming a medical product of any kind. We are all made differently, and have different susceptibilities when it comes to what is good or bad for us. I know my body better than anyone. I also have religious beliefs that inform my decisions. I view vaccines in the current climate as a religion unto themselves. When I listen to Governor DeWine talk, I hear him talking about believing in and trusting the vaccine. When I talk about my religious beliefs in God, I also use the words believe and trust. I refuse to have any idols before me to worship, but yet when I hear about vaccines, they are very much just that. I have to put my faith in them to save me, but I only put my faith in God. Every Ohioan deserves the right to make their own decisions about their bodies and their children's bodies. Once a vaccine is administered, it cannot be undone. If a person is injured or die, the drug manufacturer's are free of liability. I am not willing to gamble my health on something that could injure or kill me and my family is left holding the bills. I have spent the past 14 months trying to keep life normal for my family in a world where businesses have been allowed to discriminate against those of us who do not want to or cannot wear a mask. I am looking for the legislators to put into place protections for Ohioans from businesses or government entity's that would choose to discriminate against those who, for whatever reason, choose not to take a vaccine, an invasive medical procedure. Please uphold the principals of informed consent and informed declination. No one should ever feel threatened or coerced to do something against their beliefs just to participate in society.

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

Sincerely,

Laura Batterton