

Dear Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity and your precious time to consider my proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Nina Capone and I am a life long resident of Ohio. Thirty-four and raising a child who I have hopes will be able to grow up and become Ohio proud as well. That will rely heavily upon with the way our current state of affairs is wholly addressed.

The population that is not accepting the experimental

vaccine in the near future, never, or until more research is completed represents people who accept risk and illness as a part of life but fear it less than living a life influenced by concerns for what's being pushed upon them. What might assist with one issue could create another. Until more research is completed and more transparency in said research is made available people will not be just accepting of free vaccinations to protect them by less than 50% from a virus that has a 99.9% recovery rate and do away with inhibiting their own air supply by masking. This is going to be a process. Americans have the right to

research. We have the right to choose what's fitting for ourselves and our families.

This is not a country based on privileges. This is a country built on rights.

I, as a single and full time working mother, have little to no choice but to have my child in school. While I am thrilled he was able to attend in person it's broken my spirit to know he is masked all day, both inside while learning and outside for play.

Trying to understand still the ever changing facts and debates regarding proper procedures. While I'm not supporting anarchy I am fully fighting for the right to choose how I protect myself,

my child, and believe to have faith in humanity that we are as individuals responsible for each our own health.

Answers will evolve, minds will bend, courage will prevail. The depression I have witnessed is unsettling. The monotonous stress from fear has increased decline in personal mental and physical health. The fear has infiltrated faith and is causing divides among family and friends. This segregation needs to stop and that all starts with protecting our God given rights. Discrimination has no place in this country.

Friends in healthcare afraid but remain compliant for fear of losing jobs; anticipating release from they're long sought after positions that they spent years working and studying to qualify for—all to potentially lose their credentials should they choose to deny the employer enforced vaccination.

Working for a home health agency both in the office and as an aide in the field I am subjected to the repetitive threats that are fed to our elders who are trapped inside their home—hours on end listening to public broadcasting, commercials, etc. they

cannot get out of their home and now they live in fear within.

A close friend had terrible experiences this past year having to place her mother with early onset Alzheimer's in a memory care unit where she's had multiple accounts of being rushed to ER for behavioral observations after having extremely abnormal behavioral activity. It was by no means easy for my friend to accommodate the hospitals and nursing home protocols to be able to hear from a nurse regarding her mother's status. Not being able to visit normally has weighed on both my friend and her mother and therein her

whole family. The anxiety that has been brought on due to fearing potential death by a virus has made us parish in so many other ways at this point.

I myself am apprehensive of this vaccination. I am much more reliant upon natural remedies, preventative health and the likes to keep my existing immune system strong so that it may take on whatever comes it's way. To receive shots from companies that provide minimal information and have zero liability in the event something unfortunate happens is not something I choose to be a part of. Having had lost a brother nearly 10 years ago

due to developmental disabilities whose source of his conditions were never really established I reflect on his life often and wonder what might have actually initiated his suffering. Not having a voice my parents did the best they could to be his voice and save his life by making difficult decision after difficult decision. To lose a child is unimaginable to me. Being a mother myself makes me sick to think of such atrocities. But to lose a brother, I can speak on that. And while I can't bring my brother back I can and will continue to research the things today for lack of knowledge and resources we had a just a decade ago to consider in

his care.

With that I also am concerned for the ingredients in these treatments per my faith and personal beliefs.

To credit only those who comply with incentives when others might not be able to participate due to existing health conditions, religious beliefs etc, is unconstitutional. To withhold rights from citizens whose money has built these cities that support this state is less than right on more levels than one.

I support HB248 and I support the rights of all those who make this state great.

Vaccine passports have no place in this Country.

Vaccine passports have no place in Ohio. I pray that this testimony makes a difference in the fight to support vaccine choice and anti-discrimination.

Thank you for your time in reading my thoughts. Thank you for your consideration. And God bless your part in working though these battles we bear and (bravely bare)face as Ohioans.

Continued prayers for you and your own families as you work to consider the best for ours.

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