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To Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, Members of the House Health Committee:

Please accept the contents of this document as my proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Jill Cesaratto. I am a lifelong resident of the state of Ohio and, since the advent of our state government's response to the SARS-CoV-2 virus, I have become very watchful of events as they have unfolded, and quite vigilant in conducting my own research into the facts. In many instances the Ohio Department of Health and Governor Dewine simply got things wrong and based their decisions on pre-packaged narratives from the CDC. Rather than diving deeper for the truth to ensure implementation of reasonable Covid-19 public health and economic policies which would protect vulnerable populations while not doing irreparable damage to the economy, Governor Dewine and the ODH have destroyed businesses, livelihoods, and relationships! They have harmed the lives of innocent people by imposing draconian rules that have caused despair, increased drug addiction and suicide, financial ruination, etc. Ohioans' rights have been trampled and many citizens like myself are very angry over bureaucratic lack of transparency and the extremely slow reaction from the Ohio legislature to bring about sound critical analysis of real data and changes to the Ohio code to protect Ohioan's liberties.

That said, I am hoping that HB248, The Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act, will be passed in both the Ohio House and Senate without further delay. I support this legislation for the following reasons:

1. Ohioans' right to refuse to disclose their personal medical information must be protected! No person or other entity should be allowed to compel a citizen, by any means, to disclose information they do not wish to reveal. Any requirement to prove vaccine status or status of other medical treatment violates our constitutional right to privacy.
2. Making it a condition of employment to submit to a certain vaccination or other medical treatment violates our constitutional rights as well as the widely accepted and time honored Nuremberg code. One of the stipulations of the code is that no government or other entity can force someone to undergo human experimentation without informed consent and against their will. In the case of the Covid-19 biological agents being referred to as vaccines, we must remember that these agents do not have FDA approval, only emergency use authorization. They are experimental and have not yet undergone proper safety trials to ensure safety or efficacy. People receiving the shots now are participating in a human trial and I doubt that most of them even realize it. There is no widespread disclosure about what is in the shots or the risks posed by the ingredients, yet they are being promoted as safe and effective. There is no scientific data yet to back up those claims. This is a crime and we must protect people from being forced to accept any kind of pharmaceutical products that carry short term risks while long term consequences to health are unknown. Again, there have been no proper safety studies.
3. The creation of any kind of "vaccine passport" system would be a huge step backwards with regard to progress made in recognizing and upholding human rights. If those who capitulate to government or private sector pressure to take vaccines or biologic substances into their bodies are granted special privileges, this will create a second-class citizenry which will be denied previously enjoyed equal access under the law. What we will witness is, essentially, the resurrection of "Jim Crow" laws which were rightly done away with in the old South! How is denying services or access to public and private places to the "un-vaccinated" any different than when black-Americans were denied entrance to certain

schools, public drinking fountains, or lunch counters?! That our society would regress in this way and treat a certain segment of the population as though they were diseased and less worthy disturbs me beyond words!

Lastly, I would advise the Ohio legislature to put some teeth into the enforcement of HB248. I worry about the ability of Ohioans to fight back against discrimination should schools, employers, retail establishments, or public agencies decide to ignore the law. This is very personal for me as my husband and children, all hard-working, tax-paying, law-abiding citizens of this state, are greatly concerned about their ability to maintain their employment status in the wake of a hostile attempt to force medical treatments on all Ohioans.

Respectfully submitted,

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