

May 24, 2021 Proponent Testimony HB 248 Mrs. Pamela J. Clegg

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 Pamela Clegg. I am an Ohio resident, a voter, and I am active in my community. (Representative Lightbody can attest to my community involvement with Citizens Pollution Watch.)

After watching the May 18 presentation of HB248 by Representative Jennifer Gross, hearing other Representatives question her, and Representative Gross's replies, I have a greater respect for the work that you all do and I am committed to pray often for you. Thank you, for your work on our behalf.

I am writing as a proponent of HB248. I believe it is necessary for our State to be one that upholds and secures our medical freedoms/choices and ensures our healthcare privacy. There should be no discrimination or loss of employment or privilege if one chooses to decline, for example, the Covid 19 vaccine. It is my understanding that HB248 would uphold our medical freedoms and choices and would stop discrimination and tracking.

The passage of HB248 should be a non-partisan decision. This bill is in no way a setback for anyone. As for hepatitis B and meningitis, "the law does not require students to be vaccinated against meningitis and/or hepatitis B. The intent of the law is to educate young adults on the risks of meningococcal disease and hepatitis B and to encourage prevention by vaccination."

I want the freedom to choose my medical care and to do so without discrimination. No medical procedure should ever be mandated, coerced, or even incentivized. There is a lot of coercion and incentivizing already tied into the COVID 19 vaccine. I do not want to be treated like a second-class citizen.

Representative Gross has provided expert research and has been very thorough in crafting this Bill. I respect and thank her for her work on our behalf. She provided several examples of discriminatory practices and mandates already in place. These must be stopped, please.

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

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Clegg

Witness Information Form attached