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

I am writing to you to present reasons why Ohioans (actually all Americans) should be allowed to choose not to receive a Covid vaccination without any resulting discrimination due to that choice.

My name is Elizabeth Davis. I work part-time as a corporate tax specialist.

My reasons for wanting protection from vaccine choice discrimination:

1. I have a child that has had allergic reactions to medications and to a flu vaccine. I do not want to risk my child having a reaction to this new vaccine. It is important to note that I am not an "anti-vaxxer". My children have had many vaccines. The reaction to the flu vaccine was last year. That reaction combined with prior allergic reactions to medications, has me on high alert for future reactions. We are not willing to take this risk since almost no children are suffering from severe cases of Covid. I know this because I have reviewed the Covid data numerous times in order to assess the risk to our own family. My child should not be discriminated against in any way due to our decision to protect her from a vaccine reaction. And she should not even have to suffer any consequences whatsoever for not being vaccinated.
2. My father DIED due to a brain bleed that was caused by the FDA APPROVED drug that was PRESCRIBED BY HIS DOCTOR. The medication was Xarelto. If you haven't heard of it, here is some brief information..... again, FDA APPROVED.... thousands of people died from bleeds caused by this drug before Johnson & Johnson had to make some changes to dosing and monitoring in order to make the drug safer. So, I have done a lot of research since my dad's death regarding drug manufacturers and FDA approvals and I was not happy with what I found out. I just don't have much, if any, faith in the system anymore. This lack of trust in drug manufacturers and the FDA, combined with the fact that these Covid vaccines have not been completely tested, results in my family not wanting anything to do with these vaccines at this time. Perhaps in a few years, we will change our mind.
3. We have had Covid in our own household. Many of my family members have antibodies including my husband. At this point, we do not feel we need the vaccine since Covid has already been through our household and some of us have tested positive for antibodies.
4. I do not have complete faith in the medical community and the advice they give. (See #2 above). My child has a hearing impairment and had two surgeries before she was even two years old. I asked her doctor about checking her hearing after the surgery to make sure the hearing was fixed. The doctor (well respected in the Canton area and part of a well-respected ENT practice), told me that the surgery always fixes the hearing and further testing was not necessary. Well, I, with my accounting degree, did not want to be the pesky mother to the medically trained doctor; so, I did not push for further testing. So, guess who was right? I was, NOT the doctor. We lost two years of intervention that could have been immensely helpful to my child if I would have followed my gut instinct. What I learned from this is to follow my gut always, question everything, research extensively and push for answers.
5. I have reviewed the adverse reactions from the Covid vaccines on VAERS.gov. It's a bit concerning and not at all compelling to me to get the vaccine at this point.
6. I have a lack of faith in these vaccines knowing that the manufacturers are exempt from liability. Why are they not liable? Why was this thought to be a good idea? If the manufacturers had liability, I would have more faith.
7. Why is no one considering the importance of natural immunity? Most people know that you can get tested for antibodies. It is a very quick and easy process. Did you know that you can also get checked for T-cell immunity? This is just as quick and easy. My T-cell test is in process right now.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Davis