

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 Elizabeth and I am a middle school teacher turned stay at home mom and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe everyone in Ohio deserves medical freedom. I believe in religious exemptions as well as medical exemptions. I believe in informed consent and the option to decline vaccines. I believe Ohioans who choose to vaccinate or wear masks should do so willingly, not under threat or bribery. I also believe those who decide not to vaccinate or cover their faces should not be penalized or discriminated against. Over the last 14 months we've learned a lot about Covid-19 and the death rate is incredibly low, especially in children. We do not need to make this vaccine mandatory! I've done my part; social distancing, masking and I've made sacrifices for the greater good but I draw the line at injecting myself or my children with something that is so new, experimental and goes against my religious beliefs. I will not do it. I will not cover my face or my children's face with dirty cloth that has no scientific credibility either. My family is healthy, we take care of ourselves, we eat only organic food and do not eat processed food or sugar, we exercise daily and take care of our mental and spiritual health. We do not need a man made experimental drug to save us, God alone has given us an immune system and only he knows the number of days we will spend on Earth. My family and I support House Bill 248 because our children's futures hang in the balance. If we mandate what goes in or on our bodies now then the mandates will never end and we will never be free again. I've seen this story before, we will not fall for it.

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

Sincerely, Elizabeth Harvey-Dobbins