

June 3, 2021

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 Patrick Dudenhofer and I am a computer science and cyber operations professor at a private university in the Miami Valley. I support House Bill 248 because my students are being unethically pressured and discriminated against by their employers regarding an experimental, non-FDA approved medical procedure (the COVID vaccine).

As a researcher involved with human behavioral research, I regularly have to review training on interacting ethically with people in experimental situations. In thinking through the Belmont Report (<https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/belmont-report/read-the-belmont-report/index.html>) and its relation to COVID-19 vaccine distribution, it is apparent that informed consent has, for the most part, been thrown out the window. Information about risks should never be withheld for the purpose of eliciting cooperation. The Belmont Report also speaks to “vountariness.” Corporations and businesses that require vaccine documentation are exercising coercion – the threat of withholding services or goods based on an individual’s medical history. They are also exercising coercion by offering inappropriate rewards to employees and customers to obtain vaccine compliance. The actions of the federal, state, and local governments and now corporations, businesses, and organizations have, without question, failed in treating citizens and people in an ethical manner – directly crossing boundaries established by time-honored documents such as the Nuremburg Code and the Belmont Report. As mask and vaccine requirements are also placed against children and teenagers, these vulnerable populations (though not at all statistically vulnerable to COVID-19) are also being coerced unethically. Physicians who wish to benefit their patients “according to their best judgment” (as required by the Hippocratic Oath) are actively being hindered by health network administrators and pharmacies. The medical and pharmaceutical industry cannot be allowed to determine the extent of our freedoms nor allowed to flagrantly ignore millennia of established ethical treatment of individuals in order to line their pockets. Corporations and organizations cannot be allowed to become the enforcement mechanism of the health industry’s corporate profits.

HB248 is urgently needed and should have already been made law well before this current crisis arose. Citizens must not be unlawfully forced by governments or individuals to reveal private medical information – including vaccination status. People cannot be forced or coerced to submit to experiment

trials (like the COVID vaccine). Employees and customers must not suffer discrimination (ability to work, forced mask usage, participation in activities, etc.) due to their own personal medical decisions (which should be only between an individual and their doctor). Many people are not at significant risk from COVID-19 and should not be compelled or pressured to accept an experimental treatment or vaccine. Many of my students have recovered from COVID (as have I), but natural immunity is ignored. Explicitly disregarding an individual's natural immunity is nonsensical, anti-science, and unethical.

The state of Ohio opposes other forms of discrimination, but in this case, the government seems to want to force us to accept these medical products. At the very least, the State of Ohio seems to be willing to let private entities unethically enforce these medical procedures for them. This is wrong. The health industries don't need any extra money from pursuing and enforcing our compliance via the government or private entities.

You have a choice. Stand with and protect the people you represent and preserve our choices. Do not allow discrimination based on personal medical information to control and destroy our state. Do not sacrifice the citizens of Ohio (and your re-election) in favor of the medical bureaucrats who wrongly believe they have the right to unilaterally choose what is best for every individual in the state.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248. Please remember your oath to the Constitution and uphold our God-given rights. Vote yes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick P. Dudenhofer". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Patrick P. Dudenhofer