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RE: HB248 Proponent Testimony

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 Dr. Cecilia Duffy and I am a full-time chiropractor in private practice for almost 35 years in Geneva, Ohio. The testimony here will document why I support HB248.

I was on the committee for the book club that I am a member of for this past year. In April, the chair of the book club committee casually commented that the committee would look at a way to get us back together in person for our May meeting claiming that she felt most everyone was fully vaccinated and it would be "safe" to get together. For those ladies that are not fully vaccinated, we would ask them to not attend the meeting in person but we could make an allowance for them to attend via Zoom if they wanted. I have done hundreds of hours of research on the COVID-19 vaccine and my medical opinion is that it is not appropriate for me to take the vaccine. I felt discriminated against by the chair as she was actively excluding me and any other members who have not chosen a specific medical intervention to her liking. I did not let that pass unchallenged. I informed the committee of the following facts:

-The trials of the COVID-19 vaccines clearly state that the vaccine does not prevent a person from catching or spreading the virus causing COVID-19, the only claim they can make is that it can reduce the severity of the symptoms should one become infected with SARS-CoV-2. Therefore, there is no difference between a vaccinated and unvaccinated person picking up and spreading COVID-19.

-This committee had no right to require that a person have a specific emergency use authorized only medical treatment to participate in the book club. This was in clear violation of federal law 21 USC 360bbb-3a.

The chair saw fit to cancel any in-person meeting altogether after my email to the committee.

Before today's official end of Ohio's mandates as pertains to masking, social distancing, etc., I was again discriminated against by many businesses in my local community. Signs once stating masks were required to enter the business were replaced with signs

stating that if you had been 2 weeks past fully vaccinated, you didn't have to mask, but unvaccinated individuals had to wear masks. Again, per the vaccine trial results, there is no difference between a vaccinated and an unvaccinated person and their ability to become infected with and spread COVID-19. I am being discriminated against and singled out with the visual sign of the useless mask on my face.

Lastly, I wish to let the house know of four of my patients, fellow Ohioans, and their severe reaction to the vaccine. Most of my patients choose to obtain the COVID-19 vaccine as should be their right to make their own medical decisions. I've seen many side effects as my patients have received their shots. These four were severe enough that it warranted my reporting their cases to the VAERS Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. Upon discussing their cases with them, none of them were informed prior to the injection that something so severe could happen to them.

I support HB248. I support the ability of Ohioans to have full information, consent to, and obtain a vaccine should it be their informed consent to do so. I support the ability of Ohioans to have full information and decide that a vaccine is not right for them. I support that there should be no discrimination against a person who does not choose to be vaccinated, in the workplace, school, access to business, sporting events, travel, etc. I support the idea of restricting the idea of a vaccine passport.

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

Cheers,

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