

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 Eric Calderaro, and I am a husband and father of two children.

For over 15 months We the People of Ohio, including myself and my family, have been more than patient, understanding, flexible, cooperative and compromising with the deprivation of our inalienable rights and freedoms under the guise of safety and security from COVID-19; a virus with a scientifically established [99%+ rate of survivability for all persons under 70 years-old](#)¹ and for which [effective treatments have long existed](#)². And now, as of May 24, 2021, our federal government's own Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) has [262,521 adverse events](#)³ attributed to the COVID-19 experimental injection along with [4,863 deaths](#)⁴ – ***that is more deaths in five months from the COVID-19 injection than from ALL vaccine deaths in the last 13 years (3,013 vaccine deaths August 1, 2007 – November 30, 2020).***⁵

And despite these facts, our Governor and many of our Ohio Legislators, along with an increasing number of Ohio private entities, continue to plod forward as if COVID-19 poses a bigger threat than many other more deadly diseases we have lived with for years, and as if the reality of the grave risks posed by the experimental COVID-19 injection (an injection for which there are no long-term studies and for which the CDC publicly admits [long-term side effects are unknown](#)⁶) should play no role at all in the decisions we make going forward. It is sad that we have become so un-American that we actually need to pass legislation to reaffirm what is a basic civil right, a basic human right – the right to choose whether or not we inject ourselves with anything.

Failure to pass this commonsense legislation in HB248 will result in Ohioans being permanently stripped of our God-given freedoms to choose what is injected into our bodies, and result in discrimination and a return to segregation based on vaccine status. Government and private entities should not be allowed to ask about nor discriminate using vaccine status no more than they should be allowed to ask about or discriminate using any other medical condition and/or medical treatment/procedure an Ohioan may or may not have. It is private medical information that is between an Ohioan and his/her doctor. It is no different than asking an Ohioan if he/she has AIDS or any other communicable disease or virus (e.g., flu), or if the Ohioan has received treatment or a vaccine for such a disease or virus so as to reduce its communicability.

And for any legislators who are reluctant pass HB248 out of concern it may infringe upon the rights of private entities, I have 2 answers to that.

- 1) These same legislators already support anti-discrimination laws on the books, so this is no different. And I'd ask any legislators opposed to HB248, are you okay with government and private entities

¹ https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/99d35b02-a5cb-41e6-ad80-a070f8a5ee17/WhitePaper_ExperimentalVaccinesCovid-19_Feb23.pdf

² https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/99d35b02-a5cb-41e6-ad80-a070f8a5ee17/WhitePaper_ExperimentalVaccinesCovid-19_Feb23.pdf

³ <https://www.openvaers.com/covid-data>

⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/adverse-events.html>

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https://medalerts.org/vaersdb/findfield.php?TABLE=ON&GROUP1=AGE&EVENTS=ON&DIED=Yes&VAX_YEAR_LOW=2007&VAX_MONTH_LOW=08&VAX_YEAR_HIGH=2020&VAX_MONTH_HIGH=11

⁶ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/safety-of-vaccines.html>

discriminating against and segregating Ohioans due to their AIDS status, disability or any medical conditions, or discriminating and segregating Ohioans based on religion, sexual orientation or gender identity? Allowing discrimination and segregation based on vaccine status is no different.

- 2) HB248 will actually provide *more freedom* to businesses because it will prohibit those businesses from being able to require vaccines and the COVID-19 experimental injection. How is this more freedom you ask? HB248 will free businesses from the inevitable cancel culture pressure from employees, employee unions, customers, shareholders, special interests and media, to virtue signal by requiring the COVID-19 experimental injection. And HB248 will also free those businesses from the inevitable discrimination lawsuits from customers, employees and job applicants, that would have occurred if they were allowed to require the COVID-19 experimental injection.

More than [1.1 million Americans have died in all US wars](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/many-americans-died-u-s-wars)⁷ defending the very freedoms which HB248 aims to protect. Those brave Americans remind us that freedom comes with inherent risks, including fear and death.

To those legislators under pressure to vote against HB248, I urge you to be reminded of wise words from three historic American figures:

- 1) Senator Robert F. Kennedy - "Few men are willing to brave the disapproval of their peers, the censure of their colleagues, the wrath of their society. Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence. Yet it is the one essential, vital quality for those who seek to change a world that yields most painfully to change."
- 2) Dr. Benjamin Rush – Founding Father, signer of the Declaration of Independence and personal physician to George Washington - "The Constitution of this Republic should make special provision for medical freedom. To restrict the art of healing to one class will constitute the Bastille of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic. ... Unless we put medical freedom into the constitution the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship and force people who wish doctors and treatment of their own choice to submit to only what the dictating outfit offers."
- 3) President Ronald Reagan - "Somewhere a perversion has taken place. Our natural, unalienable rights are now considered to be a dispensation of government, and freedom has never been so fragile, so close to slipping from our grasp as it is at this moment."

I implore you to urgently vote YES to pass HB248. Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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⁷ <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/many-americans-died-u-s-wars>