

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony regarding Sub House Bill 248. I want to start by simply stating that the protections and privacy assurances that this bill would offer Ohioans are nothing short of essential and should be considered inalienable. As we watch the conversation rage around the country, it seems pertinent to put protections against mandatory vaccination or any form of discrimination due to healthcare choice into law, and I encourage you to ensure these protections for Ohioans by voting in favor of SB 248.

The critical importance of maintaining the privacy of one's personal healthcare information, and of providing a comprehensive informed consent, the latter of which includes informed risk and informed option for refusal. To compromise the integrity of either of these hallmarks of good healthcare practice is not only unconscionable, but also unlawful. However, we are already seeing individual citizens around the country, including Ohioans, being pressured or required to reveal their medication status publicly, lest they be subject to behavioral restrictions. Worse yet, we are seeing people experience what is looking more and more like compulsory vaccination by being threatened with their very jobs. It is of the utmost importance for the sake of personal freedom to put a stop to this immediately and to preserve personal healthcare sovereignty.

To allow these or any pharmaceutical product to be applied as a universal, one-size-fits-all healthcare measure would be both dangerous and irresponsible. My daughter had some minor reactions as a newborn and I had ceased to continue anymore until I had educated myself further. The fact that the companies who produce these products are free of liability, no matter the outcome or injury, makes it even more imperative that people are given a completely free and informed choice when it comes to medical interventions. This free and informed choice must also include freedom from discrimination and freedom to maintain privacy, regardless of their choice. I am experiencing this discrimination at my place of employment because I am choosing to forgo the CV19 vaccines. I am not free to move around the offices, lunch room or warehouses.

In order to protect and ensure Ohioans' individual healthcare privacy and sovereignty, I urge you to vote "Yes" on HB 248.

Thank you for your time and attention,
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