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Dear Health Committee,

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 Carla Gossman and I am a retired registered nurse. I support House Bill 248 for many reasons. Let me address a few.

Our rights and freedom of choice are increasingly under fire in this country. Our Constitution must be upheld. In this, all Americans are born with inalienable rights. These rights are God-given and can never be taken away (so we as Americans have always believed anyhow). Among these natural rights, are life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. In briefly addressing this broad subject let it be noted here that individuals have the duty to and right to preserve their own lives. They also have the right and freedom to make choices about how to conduct their own lives (pursuit of happiness). These rights should not be taken away regarding medical freedom of choice either.

It is beyond my comprehension to understand why "We The People" are having this Covid-19 "shot" not only pushed at them and their children, but also bribed to get it. Never has this been done before. People are being offered million-dollar lotteries, million dollar scholarships, and cash at places of employment to get this "experimental biological agent". Why? Our government is setting up yet another major source for division amongst "The People" (those vaccinated and those not). It is beginning to feel like this is all being done on purpose. Why?

The Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer "vaccines" use processes that have never been used in a vaccine before. mRNA therapy has never been evaluated for safety inside the body. They are experimental and have been authorized for emergency use only. There are no studies as to what the effects of these vaccines will be in the body in the short term or long term.

My husband was diagnosed in October 2018 with a rare, incurable disease (Amyloidosis). This has caused naturally occurring proteins in his body to misfold and create thick fibrils around his heart and nerves. We are grateful to be receiving two drugs just approved by the FDA in 2018. These are astronomically expensive. We can only hope at this point to be postponing this disease process. There is no cure. We want the freedom to say no to these Covid 19 shots as we have no idea how they would interface with his other "brand-new" to the market medications. He is already fighting for his life.

Personally, I had a life-threatening illness in 2017 that completely obliterated the good bacteria in my gut. I have spent an enormous amount of time and money since then trying to regain my health. Much of this has had to come from dietary changes, eating very healthy, and giving up foods that create inflammation in the gut and destroy the gut lining leading to auto-immune disorders or worse. I do not

want to be forced into most likely ruining the progress I have made by taking a shot that could have detrimental effects on the autoimmune system. I fear such a decision could end my life.

It is not that we do not believe in traditional medicine (as seen above). We believe in the Constitution of The United States of America, and in that, Freedom of Choice for all Americans to make decisions about their bodies based on their own individual circumstances.

I understand that HB 248 is much more comprehensive than what I have covered here in this testimony and I am a proponent of all aspects within the bill. "The People" deserve to have our rights protected by the government of this country, not stripped away. Please move quickly on HB 248 and VOTE yes on this vital legislation that protects freedom of choice for Ohioans now and into the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

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