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Dear 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 Renee Hedges, and I am a former Intervention Specialist of sixteen years and currently a stay-at-home mom that lives with chronic health conditions. I support House Bill 248 and believe it's vital to pass an anti-discrimination act concerning bodily autonomy and freedom to choose any medical procedure including vaccinations. My son and I have both suffered serious adverse reactions to vaccinations and are medically exempted. However, I believe it's our God given right to choose what is best when injecting liability free products made with or tested using abortive fetal cell lines. An individual's livelihood and right to make a living or attend any place of commerce should not be dictated by mandated medical procedures. Likewise, in the United States of America, individual religious beliefs and constitutional rights should not be compromised by forced medical procedures. I believe this bill will better protect our religious, philosophical, medical, and constitutional rights to decide what is best for our families. I do not believe that informed consent is properly given within this sector of biologics. It's your job to protect our rights and freedoms. It's also your job to be sure "we the people" are not discriminated against or forced into the participation of medical passports of any kind. You took an oath to uphold our constitution. I am asking you to do that now. Please say yes to HB 248. Then, when Governor DeWine vetoes this, I ask that you override this tyrant. He has done nothing but act as a dictator, and as an Ohioan, I am tired of it! You need to do better for the people of Ohio, so please start by protecting our medical freedoms. If we lose our right to bodily autonomy, Ohio will be free no longer.

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

Sincerely,
Renee D. Hedges