

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 Kristen Grant and I am Ohio business owner and parent.

Where there is risk, there MUST be a choice. A choice by definition is the act of selecting or making a decision when faced with two or more possibilities. Every human being is faced with decisions daily. Some decisions individuals ask for advice or research the positives and negatives. But in the ends the CHOICE is still theirs and theirs alone.

Without HB248 we will leave Ohioans without any choice. Many Ohioans will be forced to subject themselves to an experimental vaccine to stay employed or attend a college. Talk about history repeating itself. Our fundamental rights are at stake. WE ALL have the right to equality, right to freedom, right against exploitation, religion, cultural and education rights, and the right to constitutional remedies. These have been recognized thru due process and in our constitution and have a high degree of protection from encroachment. These liberties will only be preserved by the passing of HB248. Without this bill Ohioans will not be free to make a choice without repercussions that would be in direct violation of this nation's fundamental rights. Repercussions that directly lead to discrimination and segregation. Let us not forget that the Great Rosa Parks simply said NO. She was tired of giving up.

And I will not give up.

Dr. Listin mocks the VEARS reporting system. She mocks the deaths it reports that correlate with the vaccine. Yet, she believes every death the CDC reports that is claimed as a Covid death, no matter how many comorbidities were present. She wants to follow the science but not all the science. Dr. Listin, you don't get to pick and choose which science you follow. I also ask you when did natural immunity go out the window? When did the scientific experiment process only include data that you agree with?

Lastly, I would like to leave you with this comparison.

Say you have an allergy to peanuts. Whose responsibility is it to bring your epi-pen? Do you just wonder the world hoping someone else will save you if you come in contact with said peanuts? Of course not! You bring your epi-pen and you take responsibility for your own health. Can you imagine blaming a stranger for not protecting you by not bringing you an epi-pen. My health is my responsibility just as your health is your responsibility. Let us keep Ohio free from discrimination and segregation by passing HB248.

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

Sincerely, Kristen Grant