

Proponent Testimony in support of Ohio HB248, to be delivered by James R. Knipp, Jr on June 8, 2021.

To the chair of the health committee, and through the chair to all committee members:

To quote one of the founders, “Trust no man, but bind them with the chains of the Constitution.”

To lay the groundwork for my testimony, I begin today by asking each of you to verify that you have taken an oath of office, pursuant to Article XV.07 of the Ohio Constitution, to support the Constitution of the United States and of this state. Are there any who have not?

For the sake of time and emphasis relative to our hearing, I have condensed the wording of these documents, to the spirit of the same.

The definition of a preamble, as pertaining to the Constitutions, is: The introduction to a formal document that explains its purpose. Thus: the preamble to the Constitution of the United States declares the purpose is to “...establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility... and secure the blessings of LIBERTY to us and our posterity.”

The preamble of the Ohio Constitution states: “we, the people of the State of Ohio, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, to secure its blessings and promote our common welfare do establish this Constitution.”

In Article I of the Ohio Constitution: “All men are, by nature, free and independent,” and then continues with a partial list of rights.

Article II is clear that all political power is in the people and that government is instituted for their EQUAL protection and benefit.

In the case of HB248, it seems very clear and obvious that the goal is EQUAL protection and benefit for those who choose not to take an injection. Protection is the act of defending.

So, how does a representative government honor their oath to provide EQUAL protection and benefit? Insure domestic tranquility? Secure the blessings of liberty? That should be a question of utmost importance to you all.

Dr. Erika Smith, to whom I give thanks for her testimony, referenced her ancestors' struggle for EQUAL protection. During the struggles that they endured, and for which many gave their lives, they did not have EQUAL protection; and did we see domestic tranquility? No! Have we learned nothing from the struggles of the past?

During the 1930s in Germany, we see the Jewish people being depicted as dangerous, dirty and subhuman; forced to wear an identifying star so that the "pure race" could easily hate them. They were literally branded and sent to death camps. Hitler used mass propaganda to perform menticide (the deliberate destruction of the person or group's mind[s]) on the people of Germany to gain their support in exterminating that race. We are just 8 days removed from a "national" day of observance, dedicated in part to the soldiers of the states who, literally, paid for the PROTECTION and liberation of the Jews with their lives. It is vital to remember that because of what happened in Nazi Germany, the Nuremberg code was established - which prohibits coerced medical procedures. HAVE WE LEARNED NOTHING FROM THE PAST?! Is it not painfully obvious, based on the division of our society, what HB248 is designed to prevent? Do you not see the danger, have you not learned the lessons from history, in allowing the requirement of proof of medical treatment or inoculation as basis for EQUAL treatment in society?

So, the question presents again: How does a representative government honor their oath to provide EQUAL protection and benefit?

In preparation for my testimony, I found this quote that is so applicable: "For safeguarding liberty, it is essential that there should be no class of privileged persons in society. Liberty can exist only when equal rights are granted and guaranteed to ALL the people without any discrimination. Grant of special privileges and rights to any class is ALWAYS against the spirit of liberty."

So, again I ask: How does a representative government honor their oath to provide EQUAL protection and benefit? Especially in a society that has been so deeply divided by propaganda. (Whenever there is censorship, or the silencing of

dissenting opinion from one narrative; the blockade from true scientific discussion, that is a controlled narrative, and therefore, propaganda.)

The answer to the question is actually very simple: if you take freedom and liberty down to its foundational core, the answer is CHOICE! Choice is personal. It's the fundamental right of every free person as in Article I.01 of the Ohio Constitution. In a free society, each person is presented with potential risks which they can then weigh, and choose a course of action. It does NOT allow for others to force their values-based choice on anyone else. Allowing force or coercion is an open door to tyranny.

You, who have taken an oath to safeguard liberty, cannot allow for a special class of people; and, are therefore, bound by the chains of the Constitution to pass HB248.

In *Cooper v. Aaron*, 358 US 1, 78 S. Ct. 1401 (1958), which was a case in which Arkansas was resisting desegregation –

“ Any judge (and it is logical that this would apply to representatives elected) who does not comply with his oath to the Constitution of the United States (logically, the Ohio Constitution as well) WARS AGAINST that Constitution and engages in acts in violation of the supreme law of the land. The judge is engaged in acts of treason.”

You, members of the committee, have a choice: Uphold your oath to safeguard liberty, or do not uphold your oath. There is no room to do nothing. Your oaths are oaths of action.