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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 Jennifer Manzler and I am a mother of 3 boys and a certified health and wellness coach. I support people in making simple changes in their daily food and lifestyle choices to achieve their optimal health and wellness. House Bill 248 is truly the most important and urgent bill that must be passed to protect the medical freedom and privacy of every Ohio citizen now and for generations to come. Passing this vaccine anti-discrimination bill will not only protect and preserve Ohioan's individual medical freedom and privacy, but will also protect individual employment, access to education, and freedom to participate in commerce and normal society.

Vaccination status is a private and personal choice made by an individual based on his or her specific health conditions and individual risk/benefit analysis for each unique disease. There is never any one size fits all when it comes to health and the risk/benefit ratio of vaccination is different for every person and for every disease. I personally have multiple autoimmune conditions and vaccines have the potential to seriously injure someone like me because of my over-reactive immune system that can get triggered by vaccines to attack my own body tissues. Therefore, I choose other ways to strengthen my immune system against viruses such as taking daily immune supporting supplements like Vitamins D, C, A and zinc. In addition, COVID-19 recovered patients do not need the shot because they now have natural innate immunity which is long lasting and stronger than antibody specific immunity conveyed by vaccines. Finally, most young people and children do not need this shot because they have strong, healthy innate immune systems that protect them from viruses and are at virtually no risk of this disease. Young people should never be forced to get this shot to return to schools or universities for in-person learning as these experimental mRNA shots are still in human trials until 2023 and have no long-term safety data (most vaccines have 5 to 8 years of safety data). We have absolutely no idea what affect these shots will have on the long term health of recipients, and cannot ask young people and children who have 60 to 80 years left to live to take on 100% of the risk with almost zero benefit to them. Medicine has always been about the individual patient not the population.

Representative Gross has called House Bill 248 a freedom bill and there is no more essential freedom than freedom over our own bodies. Dr. Benjamin Rush believed that the Constitution must include a special privilege for medical freedom in addition to religious freedom. The Nuremburg Code states that no human being can ever be forced to receive a medical intervention without voluntary consent. One could argue that offering million dollar lotteries and 4 year scholarships for young and poor people who get the shot is unethical and possibly a form of coercion. Ohioans and every human being on the planet must have the freedom of choice and informed consent concerning their medical interventions and what gets injected into their own bodies, for if we lose that freedom, we are no more than slaves of the state.

Vaccine mandates and passports are also an invasion of privacy and a threat to our personal liberty. No government agency or business has any right to our private medical information or our personal data. Medical privacy regarding our health status and medical decisions must be safeguarded and protected. In addition, our freedom of movement and participation in normal society should never depend on any medical intervention especially not an experimental, never before used on human beings, mRNA shot. Our inalienable rights come from God not the state. Vaccine mandates and passports would create a medical apartheid and second class citizenry not unlike the Jews living in Nazi Germany. Vaccine passports have the insidious potential to become more than just a record of vaccination status; they could be used to collect our private medical and financial data, track and surveille our citizens, and be the end of individual liberty and equality in America. House Bill 248 would ensure this never happens in Ohio.

Americans want personal liberty now more than ever and people are moving out of states like New York, Michigan, and California where their liberties are being threatened and moving to free states like Florida, Texas, South Carolina, and Montana where state governors and legislatures have already signed executive orders or passed legislation to prevent vaccine passports and discrimination based on vaccine

status. College students are protesting at universities that are trying to force an experimental shot on students in order to have the right to return to campus. Prospective college students and their parents are boycotting colleges with vaccine mandates and instead looking for state universities that will protect their medical freedom and right to choose as they make their college selections. House Bill 248 is a freedom bill that will not only protect the medical freedom and individual liberty of every citizen of Ohio, but it will send a message to the rest of the country that Ohio is a free state and open to all Americans looking to live, work, or study in a state that will protect their medical freedom and privacy, and individual right to participate in society. More people will start moving into states like Ohio!

Thank you for your service to the great state of Ohio and for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for House Bill 248. I urge you to please pass this pivotal piece of legislation and protect our medical freedom and liberty in Ohio. Our hope for the future lies with you, our state legislators, to preserve every Ohioan's right and responsibility to take care of their individual health and the health of their families in the best way they choose. Support of this bill is not about age, race, religion, or political party, but about all of humanity and protecting the freedom and equality of every individual citizen in Ohio now and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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