

## HB 248 Proponent Testimony

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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo and Honorable Members of the House Health Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to allow written proponent testimony for HB 248. I am an Ohio licensed professional counselor and a certified school guidance counselor. I am also the mother of three school-aged children, one of which experienced an afflicting vaccine injury after receiving their 18-month well-child visit vaccinations.

I am **in support of HB 248** because I strongly believe that no person should be denied employment, education, or services based on their vaccination status. Also, individuals should not be segregated or required to wear a mask or any other identifying mark for declining any or all vaccines on the market. HB 248 is necessary to ensure that individuals keep their natural born rights as free citizens to choose whether or not to take a product that may be against their moral judgement, health and medical consciousness, and religious beliefs without the threat of segregation and discrimination.

Where there is a risk, there must be a choice. Vaccines are liability free products even though they can and do cause injury and death. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP) allows individuals to file claims for compensation from vaccine injury or death. The maximum compensation for death from a vaccine is just \$250,000 per life. Since the conception of NVICP, over \$4.2 billion has been paid out from tax payers to those who were injured or died from a vaccine reaction.

**The Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act, HB 248, is necessary to protect Ohioans from being denied services, education, and employment based on their vaccination status. Allowing individuals the right to decline a vaccination based on medical concerns, having natural immunity, and reasons of conscience is imperative for a free society.**

Where there is a risk, there must always be a choice without penalty.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony **in support of HB 248.**

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