

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chairman Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and members of the Ohio House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on behalf of HB248. My name is Jamie Rathod. Today I stand before this committee to share my personal experience with vaccine safety and efficacy. I cannot share my story without first sharing my family history, I come from a long line of nurses, my maternal grandmother was an LPN for 14 years, my mom an EMT, a 911 dispatcher & nurse's aide, and my maternal aunt was a registered nurse for over 20 years, the love of science and medicine is in our blood. I entered into the medical field at the young age of 19 and worked in patient care as a Rehabilitation Assistant and a nurse's aide. Certain vaccines were recommended for people like myself who worked in direct patient care, however I don't recall this being a condition of my employment, rather a recommendation. During my duration of direct patient care, I received the Hepatitis series. I never had a reason to question the safety or efficacy of these products, as it was just part of protecting yourself from communicable diseases, vaccination was something my family and I revered as part of staying healthy.

In 2010 at my aunt's recommendation due to traveling outside of the country to India, I took the following vaccines at the Ohio Department of Health.

- Polio
- Tdap
- Hep A
- Typhoid

Outside of an extremely sore arm for up to a week, the shots seemed to be received without incident. As time went on I started to have what I believed to be more frequent colds, but I attributed that to having a preschooler and would joke that yet again I've been struck with another "preschool plague", which just meant to me that I needed to re-catch every childhood illness I had ever acquired, to build up new immunity.

Fast forward to Sept 2014, I sustained a kitchen accident and received a tetanus toxoid/ diphtheria shot after my stitches. Within a couple weeks I started to get these very bizarre jolting electric shock pains down my right arm into my hand. I'm a very active person, so I just chopped it up as carpal tunnel setting in due to my lifestyle. By March 2015, the pain became so unbearable that I started struggling to perform daily task such as combing my hair and brushing my teeth. After scheduling a same day appointment with the Cleveland Clinic, I was assured that a few test could quickly get to the bottom of the problem. I went through a series of testing, to name a few we did an EMG, autoimmune testing to rule out possible Rheumatoid Arthritis and Lupus. A few days later I ended up in the ER because the pain started to spread to all my extremities, I was having full on neuropathy and I couldn't feel my legs, again I was told that all my testing looked normal and I should seek out a Neurologist to rule out possible Multiple Sclerosis.

I was desperate, I was losing control over my mobility daily, I contacted my PCP begging for advice, who should I see, where do I turn. He referred me to his Infectious Disease department at the Cleveland Clinic in hopes to provide some insight as to how a health 34 year old active mom, was becoming more disabled by the day. My primary care physician was outraged when he learned that they canceled my appointment, because they don't see patient's like me, rendering me hopeless and helpless. Is this not discrimination? The word Lyme in the medical community, is a buzz word for crazy loon and you'll quickly be ostracized and black listed from even being seen to rule it out. So for two years I went untreated, no help, no diagnosis, everything looks great, you're a medical mystery, but keep coming back every 3 months for more testing, and in the meantime, try physical therapy, yoga or some narcotics.

In 2016, I ventured out to see a private practice Infectious Disease Specialist. After, we ran thousands of dollars in testing the results confirmed my worst fear, my immune system was plagued with vector borne illness along with several stealth bacterial and viral co-infections and I was told that I had the immune system of a Cancer patient with Aids. I explained I never had pain prior to taking that shot, so I have to ask you could this by any chance be related to the Tetanus shot. I was stunned by his answer, he said it is very well known in the medical and scientific community that aluminum adjuvants can and do wake up dormant viruses and bacteria. When I asked about my prognosis I was told it was unknown, the only recourse I had was to continue to pay for expensive out of pocket

treatments that our insurance does not cover, which has left my family in financial ruin.

In 2018 I traveled to India, fully masked for the entire flight, with the exception of eating, and fully up to date on my T-dap vaccine and I still contracted Pertussis on the aircraft and was hospitalized. The irony of this last year has been the equivalent to waking up in a Horror Sci-Fi film themed in Ground Hog Day, because on January 21, 2020 I woke up to what I thought was the flu. The only difference between this flu and previous flu viruses I've dealt with, is that on day 10 instead of getting better, I only got worse. I had the following symptoms, body aches, paralyzing fatigue that rendered me bed ridden for the better part of 5 weeks, loss of taste and smell, headaches so bad that I had visual disturbances (and this particular symptom was weeks after the original date of onset), a nonproductive cough that felt like someone super glued my bronchial tubes, and nothing I threw at it seemed to render its grip on me. It was the equivalent of having the flu, pertussis and Epstein bar all at the same time.

I received no medical care, because previous experience has taught me that I'm better off treating myself, than being subjected to demoralization, ridicule, and gas lighting, while still being required to pay astronomical expenses for NO ANSWERS and NO HELP! At the beginning and throughout the duration of this pandemic we have been told numerous times by the "experts" that antibodies do not last long for coronaviruses, because the true immunity is in the T-cells. This also applies to the vaccine. So it was no surprise to me that by the time I was able to have access to an antibody test, that I had no antibodies.

It has been made mention by Representative Dr. Beth Liston, that she is in fear of her freedom from catching communicable infectious disease; that leads me to ask where my freedom is. Where is my freedom to be able to be seen and treated as a patient, where is my freedom to be treated respectfully by the medical establishment, where is my freedom to have the insurance coverage that my husband and his employer pay for to help cover medical expenses, where is my freedom to live in a body free of torture from the liability free product that has harmed me, your Facebook post is not only insensitive and insulting to people like me, it goes against the very fabric of the practice of medicine, which entitles the patient to have informed consent, meaning that they get to decide, not a physician through the manipulative tactics of coercion and fear mongering. I

cannot speak for everyone else, but I can say with great certainty that this type of treatments towards people like myself from the medical industry, is reprehensible.

We can no longer stand ideally by touting that we live in a free society enshrined in a Constitution that guarantees inalienable rights, when we have legislators who represent the medical community, that are too afraid to navigating human suffering, which is unfortunately a reality of existing in this life. I stand before this committee sharing that most venerable aspects of myself. I lost my health because I made a choice, a choice that if rendered a do over, would result in a completely different decision. I have to live with my choice, I have to navigate this disease still after 7 years, I take responsibility for my choice, however I did not choose to be denied care, I did not choose to have insurmountable endless medical expenses not covered by insurance, I did not choose to lose the most precious asset I have, my health. But you, you can choose, you can choose whether you want to live in a state where you as an individual have a right over the most sovereign piece of existence, your own body and the bodies of your children, or you can choose to sell the people out to big pharma, big government and big business by allowing medical tyranny and medical rape without informed consent, along with unjust loss of livelihood, enshrined in segregation, creating more hatred for mankind all for a product that is manufactured by known criminals that doesn't even provide fully immunity, and has absolutely no liability.

I implore you to vote in favor of the peoples' bill, The Vaccine Choice Anti-Discrimination Act, may the odds be forever in the peoples' favor.

Thank you all for the opportunity to provide testimony and I can take any questions you have for me at this time.

Kindest Regard,

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