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Strongsville, OH 44149
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Representative P. Scott Lipps
House Health Committee Chairman
Ohio House of Representatives
77th South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Lipps:

Thank you so much for providing the citizens of Ohio with this opportunity to share testimony regarding HB248. I am urgently requesting that this bill be passed and that the rights and freedoms of the people of this great state be upheld.

As a third generation Ohioan, the passage of HB248 is very important to me. Born and raised in the suburbs of Cleveland, I am currently employed as an Executive Assistant in downtown Cleveland. Over the past year, I have gone into work every day and I have seen the empty streets and shuttered stores. It is time to bring back economic prosperity, socialization, and activities along with our freedom to enjoy the same without discrimination, branding (vaccinated or unvaccinated) or the dangerous threat of termination to those who do not bow to mandated vaccines dictated by corporate leadership under the guise of protecting an employee's health.

My health is my responsibility to maintain by eating properly, getting exercise and going the extra mile to maintain a healthy immune system. No one should be forced to take a substance into their body that they do not want in order to maintain their employment, procure groceries, or meet with friends. Should a vaccine passport be generated, even with the best of intentions, we are beginning to head down a dangerous road. Freedom will disappear and the lives of Ohioans will be orchestrated by people who should not have the power to do so.

Thank you for your time and for giving HB 248 the serious attention it deserves. In order to keep the State of Ohio as "the land of the free and the home of the brave" I implore you to pass HB248.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Reed

cc: Vice Chair Holmes
Ranking Member Russo
Representative J. Gross