

Written Testimony of Rachel Little
Supports HB 248

House Health Committee

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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 provide written testimony regarding Sub HB 248.

First, I am a wife, a mother, a daughter, and a granddaughter. I am also an Ohio citizen who has experienced discrimination and a violation of my civil rights over the last 13 months from businesses and public accommodations who have barred me from entering their establishments due to my inability to wear a mask.

I am a PROPONENT of HB 248 because this bill will ensure health freedom for all Ohioans. I believe that where there is risk of harm from a vaccine, there must be choice without penalty. Ohioans should have the freedom to participate in society without being coerced into receiving a liability free medical product by threat of discrimination and segregation. Also, it is imperative that Ohioans maintain their right to medical privacy and bodily autonomy without losing access to public accommodations and employment opportunities, or even worse, medical care. What pharmaceutical products an Ohioan chooses to consume or not consume is that person's private information, it is not the business of their neighbor, their employer, their school, or the state.

HB 248 would ensure that my children won't be discriminated against or denied services if I choose not to vaccinate them with one, two, or all marketed vaccines.

HB 248 would ensure that individuals receiving taxpayer funded services such as medicare and medicaid will still receive care even if they deny a vaccine.

HB 248 would ensure that an individual's medical concerns, natural immunity, and reasons of conscience, including religious beliefs, would be upheld and honored as an exemption to vaccine mandates.

HB 248 would ensure that our God given and unalienable rights are upheld, which are the same rights that are supported in the US Constitution.

I support HB 248. Vaccination is a personal health choice, and vaccines have risks. Ohioans should be allowed to make an informed choice without the threat and fears of coercion and discrimination.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on this very important bill.

Sincerely,

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