

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 Kelly Walkley and I am a wife and mother of six children. My husband and I are also small business owners in the great state of Ohio.

The reason I support House Bill 248 is because medical freedom for individuals is a foundational principle in our state Constitution. I am 39 years old, and for the first time in my life, I have experienced a direct attack on my personal freedom. Tyrannical mandates, such as those implemented over the past year, assume the position that people are unintelligent and incapable of surveying data and making personal decisions for their own health. It became increasingly apparent throughout the duration of the “pandemic” that the personal health and wellness of the American population was not the primary concern of the elected leadership. Rather, this became an opportunity to set precedents of power and control. As students of history, we have learned that all authority must do to control people is to make them afraid. My discernment told me to pay attention to what was not being said, which were simple, safe, and tested means of dealing with even a “novel” virus. Scientists and physicians who pointed to the importance of vitamins and minerals, such as vitamin D and Zinc, to fight the virus and boost immune systems were silenced and had their credibility questioned. If people’s health was the true concern, there wouldn’t have been lockdowns which caused increased sedentary behavior and a dramatic decline in mental health. Public health officials would have equally promoted the idea that stress and fear will only make one more susceptible to disease, not less! Instead, we saw time and time again credible medical professionals silenced because they dared to speak out against the narrative of fear and isolation. This is the insanity that has gripped our culture; and sadly, it stems directly from our leadership.

I want to continue to raise my children in a free society that values individual liberty and does not uphold discriminatory practices. As stated in Article 1 Section 1 of our state constitution, I am granted the unalienable right to seek and obtain happiness and safety. It is my privilege and obligation as a mother to provide this for my children as well. Mandating experimental drugs, of which have no legal recourse or ramification for injury, does not promote a society that values safety, but rather segregation and discrimination.

It is my sincere desire as a mother and citizen of our great state, to appeal to both the conscience and common sensibilities of this legislature to strongly consider the ramifications of medical discrimination. I pray that my six children will grow to be wise, strong and humble leaders who will contribute their God-given talents to an honorable and free society. Let us all seek to do our part to ensure that all people maintain their freedom to do so.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Walkley