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Please see attached witness form, testimony as follows:

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 Courtney Williams, I live in Batavia Ohio, and I am a registered nurse with over 20 years in healthcare. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because the regulatory agencies and pharmaceutical companies have failed to police themselves against their own blatant ethical violations and you, our elected officials, are our only remedy.

There are well-accepted codes of conduct that guide clinical research and investigations, influenced by such directives as The Nuremberg Code. One very clear ethical violation in clinical research is to bribe, coerce, or otherwise influence someone to take part in a clinical trial. This is part of what we commonly call "informed consent" and it is intended to guard against abuses of the poor, mentally challenged, or other disadvantaged people. As of this writing, the news is trumpeting that many businesses plan to require COVID shots for their employees. It has been suggested that schools will only offer substandard remote options to students who do not get the shot. Even our own Governor Dewine has offered a bribe of "a chance to win a million bucks" for taking the shot. When I looked at the time of that announcement on the news, clinicaltrials.gov still listed the Moderna vaccine as being in Phase 1 clinical trial until 2022, and Pfizer Phase 1/2/3 clinical trial is ongoing until 2023. Please understand, even after the initial clinical trials are completed, there is a continued "post-marketing phase" intended to observe for adverse effects that would not be possible to detect during clinical trials with the smaller sample sizes than what can occur in the general public or when given to higher risk groups that could not be included in a trial. Clearly, our business community, and even our Governor, do not feel bound by the ethics that should be protecting people from being coerced into a medical procedure, even while it is clearly still in the experimental phase. I have spoken to many people who have already received the shots who were ambivalent, or even resistant to it, but did it nonetheless because "they are going to make us do it eventually anyway." Please let the people of Ohio know that they are not going to be forced to take a medical intervention they do not want. Please pass House Bill 248.

Sincerely,
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