

*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 Rosemary Wood and I am an office manager of a small business in Cleveland, OH. I am writing to you today to persuade you to support SB248. I am not an eloquent writer or a meticulous data collector. I am an American citizen who has lived in Ohio my whole life. I've always been proud to live in this great state and so it saddens me daily to watch the manipulation and abuse of the past year by the medical tyranny imposed on its citizens.

The national trend to introduce vaccine passports brings back memories of past discriminations in this country. Not that long ago, back in the '50's, racial segregation was considered 'normal' to keep society 'safe'. Water fountains were labeled 'white' and 'colored'. Many public areas were similarly marked, like restrooms, restaurants and does anyone remember Rosa Parks? Will the vaccinated sit in the front of the bus? Will there be vaccinated privileges, like working a job or buying food? Are we stepping back or moving forward? Is this the world we want our children to live in? This type of policy does not stem from science. This type of division can only be born from fear. The current administration of this state has released one of the most fear-provoking state-of-the-art marketing strategies in the history of this state to intimidate, terrorize and demoralize the healthy, hard working and trusting citizens of this great state.

Recently, Ohio Congress has taken a big step to end the medical tyranny and stop the health mandates so unjustly and illegally forced on our society by overriding the veto of SB22. I ask that you continue to free this state and allow people to support each other and create a vision of one great state, under the freedom given to us by God and secured under the Ohio Constitution. The decision you make this week will protect us for generations to come. Our children and grandchildren will THANK YOU!

Thank you for your consideration.