

I almost didn't write testimony. I have so many strong feelings about this, I didn't know how to put them all on paper. I felt others also might have a better story than I do. But my conscience bothered me. I could not let this opportunity go by without going on record because this is one of the most important issues of today. That's saying a lot. Because we have many, MANY important issues today. The country I have seen before me over the past year and a half, isn't the country at all that was the free safe haven for the world. If we lose our freedom, there is nowhere to go. I have many reasons for not wanting to take the shot. Medical and religious. There is another one that is still in the testing phase that if someday I feel I need to take it, I may. I am not anti vaccine. But these are unproven and not safe. Why should I have to be treated like a second class citizen and be threatened with all types of consequences for exercising bodily autonomy? That is not only my right as a United States citizen, it is my human right. No one has the right to force any unproven substance in my body. Especially when I am not sick and not a danger to society. I shouldn't have to worry about losing my job, not be able to go to the store or whatever else they are planning to do to us. Biden already gave a veiled threat on this. We obviously need to be protected from it. I feel so strongly against this, I am so convicted, there is nothing that will make me take it. And I am willing to suffer whatever consequence I have to, even up unto death if it comes to that to stand up for my right to not take it. Give me liberty- or give me death. That is how strong I feel. That is how deep my belief. Why in modern society do I have to worry about losing my job or having to die to protect my right to body autonomy? I shouldn't even have to be thinking about this. Two years ago, had you told me this would be my life right now- I would have thought you were crazy. Oh how far we have fallen as a country that we have to write legislation to protect simple, basic human rights. In the most free country in the world. Or what used to be the most free country in the world. Please pass HB248. It is the right thing to do. To protect our God given rights to our own bodies. Let me, God and my doctor decide what is best for my health. Thank you.