

Hello Chairman Lipps, and members of the House Health Committee,

My name is Heather Wooley, and I'm from Cincinnati, Ohio. This is my testimony in favor of House Bill 248.

House Bill 248 is a preventative Bill to stop segregation from happening in our community. As a mother of five beautiful biracial children the words "segregation" and "discrimination" terrify me!

In 2016 my middle child had a serious reaction to her Kindergarten vaccines. This happened in my 13th year of parenting and not once did I ever doubt the safety or effectiveness of vaccines prior to this incident. That same year, my daughter was also diagnosed with a genetic disorder. Due to her condition she suffers often from migraines. This year we made the difficult decision to keep her, along with two of our other children (twins, one confirmed with the same genetic disorder) home from school knowing that the masks would likely trigger their migraines.

I have spent the last 5 years educating myself on vaccines. In 2018, I traveled to Washington DC to learn more about the risks associated with vaccines. I learned about the concerns regarding the recommended schedule, the manufacturers liability, and the safety studies.

The current Covid 19 vaccine is being administered under a state of emergency. It is an experimental vaccine and is not FDA approved. The long term effects from this vaccine are simply *unknown*. Americans have the right to politely decline this vaccine and shouldn't be treated differently for doing so.

According to VAERS there were 78 vaccine related deaths in 2019, 92 in 2018, and 86 in 2017. VAERS has already reported 3,768 vaccine related deaths so far in 2021.

In 1976, it was reported that fifty-three people died after receiving the swine flu vaccine. The vaccine was eventually stopped and labeled too risky because of these 53 deaths. So what about the 3,768 vaccine related deaths reported in just five months?

House Bill 248 in no way prevents an individual from choosing to be vaccinated. It simply protects all Ohioans by preventing us from any type of discrimination based on our vaccine status.

Without House Bill 248 who is going to protect my children and the other children like them from discrimination? Our children, who are not sick and have done nothing morally wrong, should not receive unfair treatment from their schools, their place of employment, or any other business they enjoy visiting.

My faith teaches me that truth withstands the test of time. As parents we all want what is best for our children. No amount of censorship or labeling it “misinformation” will ever silence our voices. Vaccines are not a one size fits all.

My prayer today is that each of you *chooses* to support House Bill 248.

Please keep segregation and discrimination out of the beautiful state of Ohio!

Thank you for your time.