



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 Angela Sabol. I have a doctorate of physical therapy working in the acute setting and a part of my caseload is patients with active covid; in addition I am a wife and mother. I support House Bill 248 for many reasons, but the most important of all these is protection of transparent informed consent to ANY and ALL medical treatments and health decisions. Informed consent is FUNDAMENTAL to both ETHICS and LAW and WE as Americans should have the LIBERTY-as endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable Rights-to choose what goes into our body, more importantly what goes into directly into blood affecting all organs, and EVEN MORE importantly what is transcribed into our DNA so we may live our Lives and pursuit of our Happiness.

I, along with some of my healthcare workers, as free Americans living in Ohio, should NOT have to be worried if we are going to be fired from work because we don't want a vaccine.

I should NOT have to worry, if I or my family will end up segregated as second class citizens for my strong religious convictions limited to where we can work, travel, go to school or shop.

I should NOT feel like I am or anyone in my family is being COERCED into taking it, that is not freedom.

I should NOT have to wake up at night crying if wondering if I am COERCED into taking this vaccine if I will end up as one of the 12 thousand deaths or 46 thousand hospitalized, or the 14 thousand permanently disabled as reported on VAERS July 30, 2021 when I have over a 99% percent chance of recovering from this virus.

I am not an anti vaxxer. I want everyone who wants any vaccine to receive it. I want the freedom to weigh risk vs benefits, I want long term (10-20 years) 3rd party studies on this new type of vaccine, and last pursuit of happiness looks like ultimate health to me, and I want the FREEDOM to choose to support my innate, amazing immune system with things that are natural and less invasive measures first.

However, if this bill does NOT go into effect immediately I, along with thousands of others will lose some of our unalienable rights. So I am calling on you to stand up to protect our rights.

I already have had a taste of discrimination and lack of informed consent these past two years. My two year old son only has 11 of the approximate 25 vaccines for his age. While I was pregnant I made sure I found a pediatrician who supported the vaccination schedule because that is what I believed in: my spouse, my older daughter, myself are all fully vaccinated.

After my son's second month set of vaccines he had a terrifying adverse reaction. When I called the doctor's office it was downplayed and told it was "normal". As I stated earlier, I have a doctorate in the medical field. I took classes with medical students and my professors demanded we question everything. I had also been educated on the importance of recognizing adverse reactions when I am personally facilitating treatments and to stop course, and also the adverse reaction to drugs are posted in every patient's room at the hospital.

During the next 6 months, his reaction was downplayed whenever I mentioned it to different care providers, I was belittled for my concerns, and asked not to come back to the first pediatrician because of my questions. I wasn't trying to get out of him getting his vaccines, I wanted scientific answers, and wanted a productive dialogue, I wanted comfort that I was doing the best thing for my son.

Finding a new pediatrician was almost impossible because he was behind schedule at 7 months, the secretaries of the different practices I called told me they weren't accepting new patients and I eventually lied and stated I was new to the area to see another pediatrician. During his first visit, the doctor listened to my concerns but didn't address them, nor did he answer my questions and I was guilted into giving my son another 3 vaccines. He had another mild reaction, a "normal reaction", that led to a cascade of events that is still taking a toll on our time, his health and our pocketbooks. I was asked to leave the practice after I told the pediatrician at the next well visit, "Not today" regarding another vaccine. My questions from my hours of reading studies and inserts are still unanswered and I wasn't ready for another possible reaction.

I have PTSD from how I have been treated verbally and nonverbally from these interactions and following interactions at urgent care visits, annual exams, co-workers, and acquaintants when I get asked if my son has had all his vaccines.

This is just small scale discrimination I have faced due to vaccines, stress on my family and most importantly my son due to the lack of transparent full informed consent where questions are welcomed and answered. This is a lack of true health freedom and this small scale failure has taken a toll on my family.

We, as Ohioans of United States of American need House Bill 248 NOW to ensure we have transparent informed consent, the freedom to opt in or out and not be discrimination for our choices, and to ultimately protect our unalienable Rights endowed by our Creator.

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

Sincerely,

Angela Sabol

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