

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 Antonia M. Urbas. I am writing to you to urge you to support HB 248.

Currently the balance of power is very one-sided, in favor of the corporations, governments, and organizations, at the expense of the individual. The individual should be protected precisely because it is so weak against these bodies of power.

The healthcare industry, among others, has discriminated against me because I strongly believe that to wear a mask in society is not only a lie, but also extremely harmful, physically and psychologically. I cannot bow down to this false ideology. DUE TO my convictions, and religious beliefs, I have been refused healthcare over and over again-- by healthcare facilities ranging from small to very large companies even when I was going into them to vaccinate my children! They do not provide accommodations for people like me, even after talking to nurse aids, nurses, doctors and even the ombudsman.

We know this discrimination will happen with vaccines as well- it already is! Even in Ohio!. If you give the medical establishment (like the CDC) this power they will use it to promote fear and to discriminate. Hospital systems will not advance medical care if they can just abuse their patients. They could make their hospitals smaller, cleaner, better air flow, more healthcare staff per patient, provide actual sick days, etc. But they don't. It is easier for them to force patients to give up their rights, force vaccinations, because no one is stopping them. This trend is preventing the healthcare system from growth! This is the opposite of a constitutional republic ruled by law. The medical industry need to be held accountable for its own good.

Now this top-down intrusive mentality is being practiced by businesses, schools, and government agencies. My friends and family here in Ohio have to make the difficult decision as to whether they must pull their kids from school, leave their place of work, take on a lawsuit; all because their legislature refuses to protect their God given rights.

My question to you is what will become of me, my family, and friends because I hold these convictions? Will I be able to receive healthcare? A job? Will I be shunned from society? Opponents of this bill do not really have answers for these questions. The ones that do answer say, "Yes! That is your future." I cannot imagine that this governmental body can be so cold-hearted or so ignorant as to allow this to happen.

Now you know that the healthcare industry is causing harm, and has the potential to cause even greater harm, with virtually no accountability. Now you must act to prevent a catastrophe. Prevent medical tyranny. Prevent top-down control. Prevent a bottom up mob of fear. Reinstat the constitutional republic. Allow businesses, schools and people to thrive by allowing medical freedom.

I urge you to pass HB 248 and uphold the rights of the individual. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Sincerely,

Antonia M Urbas