

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking member Russo, and members of the house health committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for House Bill 248.

My name is Ben Dyer and I am from Cincinnati Ohio. I am an estate manager, and my wife is a local hero at one of the tri-states largest hospital employers, Tri-Health. As active participants in our community, and society, it is vitally important to us that House Bill 248 be passed, as it is now, immediately.

My wife and I contracted covid naturally back in February, of 2021 right before the birth of our newborn baby girl. My wife and I both had very mild symptoms and recovered quickly with no issues. Since then, we have been pressured to take a vaccine for a viral infection that our bodies have already beaten. There are multiple studies that have concluded that the best defense for covid 19 is a natural infection, followed by the body's natural response (Cleveland Clinic). We have had nothing but bad experiences from those in our family who have had the vaccination, and due to the lack of transparency from the CDC, the media, and other compromised outlets, we do not have faith that the information being provided is accurate or honest. Both competing science studies, and our personal experiences agree in opposition.

My wife has now been threatened by Tri-Health that if she does not comply with the vaccination mandate, that she will be fired. This will render us both jobless with a newborn baby, due to the fact that my employer died 3 weeks after her second shot, and the estate will soon be sold. The mandating of this vaccine by Tri-Health will cut the only money that this family has coming into it. The vaccine effectively removed my job, and now is forcing my wife out of work. One year ago, she was a hero, today she is being called an extremist. Both my wife and I are fully vaccinated with the vaccines that the FDA has approved, but because we will not participate in the experiment which has brought nothing but hardship, and misinformation to our family, we will soon be unemployed, homeless, and hungry.

It is vitally important that House Bill 248 be passed, allowing Ohioans the right to choose what healthcare is right for them and their families. This is a violation of our god given rights, and our right to the pursuit of happiness and employment. We beg of you, that you protect Ohioans and their inalienable rights, and pass House Bill 248.

God bless Ohio, God bless America, and God bless the Constitution of the United States, which protects Americans against tyranny, especially medical tyranny.

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