

My Testimony in Support of HB248

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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 Betsy Nethers. I am not comfortable sharing much info to the public. I will share that I like to volunteer for the community and I see a dire need to pass Hb248. I will be honest in this writing and I hope I have avoided most of the “no speak” however there is likely some parts that not all will agree with. I watched the testimonies and I like how you allowed each opinion to be heard.

I support Hb248 for so many reasons it is hard to begin. There is no way I can include everything in one testimony. It becomes more important everyday. Each day I discover a new danger.

There are several good reasons to get vaccinated. Some of them are....

You believe in the vaccination. You are confident it is the best way to prevent YOU from getting an illness.

You are willing to suffer the adverse outcomes both physically and financially if need be, and YOU feel that the benefits outweighs the risk.

There are several misguided reasons to get a vaccine, especially one that is still new, and untested on the general population for very long.

You take it because someone else thinks the benefits are more than the risks.

You are pressured to take it to save you job, but you really don't believe in it.

You take it just to prevent segregation from all your co-workers.

You take it and claim its to protect someone else.

You take it to go on a cruise or vacation trip.

You take it for general social acceptance and self esteem.

You take it for money or other bribe or blackmail.

You take it because you MIGHT win a lottery.

You take it because you let others make decisions for you, and you don't like confrontation.

How many people would prefer to take it for the right reasons only? With all the survivors of the virus, how did the vaccine get so misguided? How did it get to be everyone's decision but OURS?

How is it that they want to make you take it, but are free from the bodily and financial adverse responsibility? Maybe that should change. If there is pressure, requirements or rewards offered from any entity, {employer or government} then there should be a guaranteed easy to obtain follow up INSURANCE from the entity. If you want to make someone do something risky, you got to take responsibility. In Ohio, there is no one...no one... that suffers bodily and financially except the patient. So some can say “take the vax, if it goes badly, hit the road. We don't care. We want to keep all our employees safe and in a safe environment and we CAN AND WILL make decisions for you.”

Slippery slope. Give them an inch, and they may take a mile. This could lead to the NEXT vax that is also new, and the next...a pandemic is not needed. The next one could be to PREVENT something that

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the EXPERTS PREDICT is coming. Sneaky. Where are there legal boundaries? How far can they go? What else can they require once we accept that business can control our health management?

I am fully vaccinated, with the older vaccines, and I appreciate them, but I can see so many problems with requiring this vax.

Water finds it's own level. So does trust, and respect. I think the "Medical Powers that Be" would do well to ponder that. Also, that Leaders lead, and people follow. Others must resort to manipulation, and misguided pressure.

So all those that took the vax for the health of someone else, because they care, how much would they share if they won the vax lotto? Would they care about everyone then? Would they share? Its not really about everyone else, is it.? I can't really say its wrong to forget about everyone else after a big win, but it is something to ponder.

Now for the experts that no one hears. The citizens and employees that want our state to thrive, not only with commerce, but with good strong spirit and comradery. Freedom to CHOOSE is a big part of it.

Trust in the vaccine is another. So trust the vaccine around people whether others are vaxed or not. If you really trust the vax, there is no need to worry about others. Water finds its own level. Did you get it because you trust it to make you safe, or just to socially pressure others to get it too?

We have been very limited on what experts we can follow. Someone else chose them for us pre-covid. They were not elected or even heard of by most people. We have been expected to trust them, whoever they are, with out question. They told us everyone carries the virus sick or not. {a-symptomatic} WE were not allow to ask how? But they also said "well we just don't know." So I for one of many, think it is time to follow experts who DO know. So far, there has been no expert that has been right about everyone. Maybe its time to put the power of choice back into the experts that count.....

THE EVERYDAY CITIZENS. The people have been experts of their bodies for many years, have been making medical decisions for their bodies for many years, and living with the outcome of their choices day in and day out for years. The people have to be treated as experts as well. The two big differences, in two groups, is

One group is responsible for their decisions. [the PEOPLE group] The Other group is not. They can say, "its all new, so we just don't know. " and skip out on responsibility, plus keep their mistakes under cover by sencorship.

One group is an expert of the BODY. The other is an expert in a LAB. The People can make the best decisions for their health, since they have been doing it for hundreds of years, and I admit that we had some help from the LAB experts. It is appreciated. But lets not get too much of a good thing. Don't go to far with it. The citizens always need the power and right to say NO to medical advice if it just doesn't seem right. The "Medical Powers that BE " have us well informed on the benefits of the vax. The information on the adverse effects and deaths from the vax have been very hard to discover and covered up and minimized, and obscured. One example is the advertisements on TV.

Any other medical advice, medication, or vaccination is followed up by the side effects and consequences. Even cigarettes, cough medicine and anything over the counter has warning label.

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But this covid vaccine? Its the miracle fix. No warnings at all. Especially when the vax lotto is mentioned on TV (presser) Its all about winning, and all about new manipulations, but not about WARNINGS. This is an important issue. I think the warnings should be verbally stated at each presser as well as all commercials. It does have some very important details being left out. Does any one ever tell you why NOT to take it? Are the “Powers that be “all salesman? Is that why only the highlight of the vax can be discussed?

For an new medical trial this doesn't seem safe or smart. What you DON'T know CAN hurt you. What is the real motive of the “Powers behind this?” If it is about the safety of the citizens, how could they skip this information? Are they trying to wipe it out completely? Again, water finds its own level. Leaders lead and people follow. Others have to bribe, hide info, and manipulate. Who DO the people of Ohio trust? Why? Does trust have to be EARNED first?

Many people still have a natural immunity, and value it intensely. Many Ohioans want to use it, because it is already in place, it belongs to them and no one else. The most important thing about natural immunity is it can be TRUSTED. It is free, and for many it offers more protection than a shot, and then a booster, and then another shot, and another booster... Natural immunity is never chosen for the wrong reasons. It is always there to protect us to the best of its ability. It is up to the citizens to keep it strong, and by that it means “use it or loose it.”

I apologize for the length of this testimony. There is always a mountain of reasons to support this bill.

I would like to imagine what might happen if this bill fails.....imposing such destruction of intensely important personal choice. Employers will be given special gifts in some immoral but legal back door way to require their employees to get the vax. This may lead to what we are already seeing ...a worse-case scenario. Many were staying home and not working due to the mask mandates. They get paid to stay home and breathe, instead of work and stifle themselves all day long 40 hrs a week and after work if they shop. [to protect others, of course]

The mask mandate is still being used by employers that claim they can't get anyone to apply. Imagine if you had to sell you immune system to your employer by getting the shot to keep your job by an employer that cares more about his kickbacks, than he really does about his employees or even the moral. Those that take the vax to keep their job may well be resentful and this may effect employee morale. Do we want environments like that?

Many others will exit the employment and seek a better job, one that is a little lighter on the requirements.

Many will stay home, breathe freely, and keep their trusted natural immunity while collecting unemployment and welfare. However, this will catch up with them later on. At some point, everybody needs health care. Even rx refills sometimes requires a visit. So this means that EVERYBODY...everybody will be forced to get the vax under duress. Will Dr.s require the patient to be vaxed in exchange for services? What if you need to visit a loved on in the hospital? Will they require visitors to be vaxed? It is a foul and underhanded way to force every Ohio citizen to get the vax. Governments know it's wrong, so they use the businesses. The pressure on business and private individuals needs to stop now.

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Many will start their own business, so that they get a cut in the kickbacks too, or will stand up and not question personal health info. They will most likely be appreciated and employees will follow them. Leaders lead and people follow. Others walk all over the rights of others and manipulate and finds ways to 'friendly force' others to do their bidding. Our economy and our healthcare as well as morale is in danger. It doesn't have to be.

There are many more unpleasant outcomes from the failure of this bill. Human rights violations have been ignored because of the social pressure already. Ignoring this is another slippery slope. Failure of this bill is a danger to Ohio's People, Jobs, and the entire future in all areas, including families. We have to stop the misguided vaccine manipulation now. What is the real motive of the "Medical Powers that be?"

Will we be able to go into stores without discrimination or segregation? Will we be working together, or segregated? The covid management so far seems to intend to divide up and mess with our natural belief system.

Of all those that oppose this bill, what do they have in common? Who are they powered by? Do they profit thousands of \$\$\$? Is there more than just money involved? Should we trust them?

We have all been watchful. We have seen thousands of cases and survivors. What we have NOT seen, however, is local journalism in local hospitals. When the hospitals were overflowing, the "Powers that Be" told us they were in dire straits, worst ever. But we were never allowed to ask questions or send a trusted journalist in for documentation. Hazmat suits could have been worn, but were not permitted. Even after vaccines were available, journalists were not permitted on scene. WHY? Most of the cases survived without even being hospitalized.

We have heard over and over all about the miraculous vaccine and the pressure to "get it now!" What we do not hear is answers to a local journalist's questions directed to the greatest Governor of all Times.....the same one that doesn't like Journalist Jack Windsor's questions. I would like to see a one on one interview between the two. We hear the same info over and over, like we should be convinced that is all we need to know. Who decides this? I wonder if there is a game changer question? Again, what do the "Powers that Be" have in common? This is important to take into consideration.

I am happy to be writing for all those that do not have the opportunity. All of our lives depend on this bill, including rich, poor, and everyone in between. It will not harm one person, but it saves us all from being forced to take a vaccine for the wrong reasons, and prevents others from making important health decisions for us. It creates a legal boundary that protects us. The management of the covid virus over the last year really bothers me, and the future scares me. It sometimes keeps me up at night. I do find that contacting our Representatives and Senators does help some. Please don't let the PEOPLE down. I am not the only one. I speak for many Ohioans and people across the country.

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

Sincerely,
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