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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 Christine Ankenbauer. I am a working professional mom of 2 college students and 1 high school student in Cincinnati Ohio. The reasons I support House Bill 248 are many, but I will limit this letter to one.

My oldest daughter is in her final year at UC. She will get her nursing degree in April 2022. To help pay for school, she has been working as a PCA at Children's Hospital for 2 years. She was driven into the health care field for one big reason: she had leukemia as a child. The biggest influences in her young life were the fantastic nurses at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She beat cancer and her future is bright except for one looming thing: to keep her PCA job, finish her senior clinicals, and work in the Cincinnati area after graduation, she must submit her body to an experimental vaccine (one that now the CDC says they are NOT mandating for their own employees!!!). She, as am I, is terrified of any possible reaction to this vaccine. Can anyone guarantee me she won't get blood clots, myocarditis, or a host of other documented side effects of this shot? Who is going to safeguard our kids against these types of experimental treatments?? Don't tell me the science is settled. When HCQ, Ivermectin, and natural immunity are banned from the discussion, the science is being hijacked. How can we mandate vaccines for something there are cures for???? Does this make any sense?

How can these CEOs know *anything* about the health of their employees? They are overreaching into the personal lives of our nurses, techs, maintenance/housekeeping crews and doctors. They are not kings laying out the laws for their subjects; they are employers who get 40 hours of our lives per week. That's all. They are not entitled to anything more. Now they are going to fire dedicated employees that have served their hospitals for 10, 20, even 30+ years? HOW DARE THEY!!!!

I have lived in Ohio my entire life. I love my town and community, but what is happening here is putting an end to my lifelong affection for this state. Where is the common sense? Where is the faith in our fellow citizens? How are we to move forward if we allow our employers to dictate what should be personal choices? Where is the respect for personal freedom?

I hear now the science says the vaccine provides immunity for 6 months, then you need a booster. One article stated that you might need up to 6 shots to be totally immune! Do I hear 10? 12? It will NEVER end until we as a state, as a nation, say NO MORE. Forcing vaccines of any kind, especially experimental, do nothing to foster community or respect for personal boundaries and freedom. This will not end well for any Ohioan if we don't get this bill passed. Today it's Covid, but tomorrow it will be something else, then something else, and so on. HB 248 must pass!

Thank you for your consideration,

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