

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 Damon Appel. I live in Cleveland currently, and have been a Northeast Ohio resident all my life. Fortunately, I work in information technology (from home for the past year-plus) and haven't yet been personally impacted by the recent flood of insane employer mandates rushing through our State. But, I am more than active online, running a Facebook group named "Ohioans Removing DeWine's Emergency Rules" with 7700 members and my faith-based page "I am Damonus" with over 600 followers. As no matter how careful one is (and I'm pretty good at it), Facebook suppresses activists for liberty and those who speak out against the COVID Tyranny, most of my work is 'on the street'. I attend as many protests as I can, and have attended or run peaceful protests in defense of our hospital workers' rights at Mount Carmel and Summa Health, amongst other noble causes which HB248 is complementary to. I'm also forming a ministry, Church of the Exempted, under my Americans Taking Action LLC. This will be with the intent of receiving requests and providing Religious Exemption letters to those in need. Any church (and there are unfortunately many) which teaches that Jesus Christ would've wanted us to wear masks or ingest strange medicine is dealing in blasphemy.

Back in May and June, I took days off work to attend all of the HB248 public hearings prior to the 2 1/2 month vacation of the General Assembly, and was appalled that this Republican-majority Committee left this CRITICAL legislation on the table.

You left our frontline workers (the ones the entire Nation shutdown for, 16 months ago) to have to fend for themselves against the administration of countless tyrannical hospital systems that somehow think that they have the right to force experimental medicine into their employees' bodies, under threat of forfeiting their jobs... In America..."The Land of the free and the home of the Brave."

We've even seen businesses, such as concert halls, be bold enough to demand proof of their patrons having taken one of these "authorized but un-approved by the FDA" emergency-use injections as a condition of entry.

And I want to remind everyone here that many members of this Committee, such as Russo and Liston and their Democrat partners, went out of their way in the May and June hearings to scoff at the impacts and claim that 'There's no one's doing any of the things you say', and therefore 'no need' for HB248.

Well, their words were untrue then, as there were already pockets of smaller employers issuing Unconstitutional policies about vaccination that violate the 14th Amendment of the Constitution (amongst most of the Bill of Rights in the Federal and Ohio Constitutions), and the passage of a couple short months has proven their words to be absolute folly.

And we should not pass a weakened HB248, in order to appease its fascist detractors who think Corporations have more rights than "We the People" who formed this Government. There are rumors that the FDA is going to rush the Approval of these mRNA gene-based medicines. On June 1, 2020, Scientific American published a headline that read, "Genetic Engineering could make a COVID-19 vaccine in months rather than years," and explicitly referred to the efforts of Moderna, Pfizer and J&J. As long as the government, mainstream media and various other "authorities" mislabel these GENE THERAPY devices as "vaccines", we must continue forth with HB248 preventing the forced ingestion of ANY "vaccine", or discrimination or coercion related to it (which includes mandated masks or testing as a punishment for not taking them).

And now, we must ensure that this is passed as EMERGENCY legislation. Many of the aforementioned hospital systems are giving ultimatums to their employees of September or October. NO MORE HEARINGS. No more delay. This is a Republican-majority Committee. And the General Assembly consists of a Republican super-majority. We've all seen since January how the Democratic Party has conspired to destroy the very foundations of American liberty, all the way up to the highest office in the land, in various ways including by COVID restrictions. While we in Ohio have this majority power that God has graciously granted us, we need to make Ohio a sanctuary State from the never-ending fascist reaction to "COVID-19" that has infected the world. Send this legislation to the Floor TODAY.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to present proponent testimony for HB248.

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