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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Honorable Members of the House Health Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony regarding House Bill 248.

My name is Dan Kerr and I am a native of Ohio, a graduate of Youngstown State University, and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force Reserves. I took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution, which established a Representative Democracy not a Medical Oligarchy. A Representative Democracy is based on personal freedoms. Mandated medical procedures are diametrically opposed to freedom.

I think that we all have the knowledge and understanding that ALL medical procedures come with potential risks and/or side effects. In America, we have enjoyed the freedom to weigh those potential risks and make the appropriate decisions for our personal health goals. The decision whether or not to undergo a particular medical intervention should be the decision of the patient with physician input, and perhaps family input.

When I was in Air Force basic training, we received a multitude of vaccinations, and we were never told what was being injected into us. Within a week, I had bronchitis for 2 months; in San Antonio; in the middle of the summer. Every year after that, I received the mandatory flu shot. And every year, I got bronchitis within a week or two.

I have a question for you each to consider: are you willing to personally take full legal, financial, and criminal responsibility for any complications that may occur to any of your constituents as a result of any mandated medical intervention, including but not limited to vaccines? If not, then I think we can draw an adequate conclusion regarding your convictions about the safety of mandated procedures.

Please add an Emergency Clause amendment and vote in favor of HB248 to protect Ohioans.

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

Sincerely,
Dan Kerr