

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 Gina Lacy and I am a stay at home mom to 3 young children and the wife of a Creative Designer that works at a small business in Kettering, Ohio. I am absolutely appalled by what is happening in the state of Ohio. Daily, my health decisions, religious beliefs, and freedoms are being questioned and threatened by the government, businesses, schools, and even complete strangers.

As a Christian, I seek God's guidance in my life and trust in His will for me. These looming mandates threaten the very essence of my relationship with Him should I forgo His direction in my life, which vaccines are not the path He has lead me down. The Bible says:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

My life is being impacted as local businesses have completely shut me and my family out because we do not have vaccine cards. This segregation is being applauded and praised from the media, doctors, and government agencies. In fact, the only means to health from these entities are the vaccine. Natural immunity, therapeutics, healthy eating and exercise are deemed inferior to the vaccine from these groups. There is absolutely ZERO protection for us by our poor Ohio laws.

House Bill 248 is an absolute necessity to preserve the individual health rights of Ohioans to freely live in society without any discrimination. The government and its agencies, employers, or school systems should never control and seize the bodily autonomy of any individual or group of people. Discriminatory language has already been used in the workplace across the state for the people that have chosen to take ownership of their health through other means. If this bill does not pass, I fear that my husband will have to make the impossible decision to walk away from a job he loves that completely supports our family.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my story and consideration of HB 248.

Sincerely,
Gina Lacy