

Sub. H.B. 248  
Ohio House Health Committee  
Proponent Testimony of Greg Jevnikar  
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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 Substitute House Bill 248.

My name is Greg Jevnikar, and I am a retired nursing home administrator having been in the health care field for over 30 years.

I fit in the baby boomer demographic cohort. I may have experienced COVID-19 myself earlier this year, having several of the symptoms associated with the virus including loss of taste, extreme weakness, and a fever. I did not get a COVID-19 test; my physician did order me Vitamin D3. I also began taking Vitamin C, Zinc and Magnesium. I completely recovered after a week or so confining to my home. I now continue this regimen of supplements as a preventive measure.

Why has the government, state and federal, not encouraged other measures, preventatives, or treatments like hydroxychloroquine, ivermectin, and proven supplements beside exclusively and vehemently pushing as the “final” and only solution, an experimental, medical treatment, an unproven “vaccine”?

I passionately believe that this so-called pandemic (or panicdemic) was a government overreaction and overreach. The masking mandate, the lingering lockdowns, and the potentially virulent “vaccine” were unnecessary for most Ohioans. You do not quarantine well persons; you quarantine the sick! Unfortunately, the cure has been worse than the disease. There were many unintended, needless consequences such as: small business failure, job loss, increased mental illness, etc.

What is also especially egregious was Gov. DeWine’s arbitrary postponing the Primary Election of 2020 at the last minute with no input from our elected representatives. I was scheduled to work the election polls that day and prepared to spend the day there. This was detrimental to several primary candidates, who worked hard up to the last minute with their campaigns only to have their hard work

and campaigns aborted and moved several months later causing loss of momentum and additional expense. This had a detrimental effect on their election chances, favoring incumbents and disadvantaging their opponents.

Even more disconcerting is masking and inoculating children under 18 and young adults. Why? They are the least susceptible to COVID-19. But they are being encouraged to be inoculated. The long-term effect on human beings is unclear. By subjecting our precious children to this experimental treatment is unwise at best and dangerous or deadly at worst. It makes no sense.

Americans are an independent people. Government is not the infallible God. The people must have a CHOICE in the medical treatment they receive. This COVID “vaccine” or injection is a medical treatment. There is no reason, including those mentioned above, that citizens of Ohio should be mandated to obtain any vaccine or any medical treatment as a requirement to work, to transact business, to buy or sell, or to travel.

Rallies and protests are breaking out across the Ohio and country concerning the vaccine mandates. Employees are being forced to take the vaccine or face the loss of their jobs. Many will not and/or cannot for health reasons take the “vaccine.” On Saturday, August 14, 2021, I participated in a rally in support of H.B. 248 along with health care professionals and other citizens. See two news reports:

- [https://www.richlandsource.com/news/group-rallies-in-mansfield-to-support-bill-seeking-to-ban-mandatory-vaccines/article\\_355a5b40-ffa6-11eb-9c92-d3400616607e.html](https://www.richlandsource.com/news/group-rallies-in-mansfield-to-support-bill-seeking-to-ban-mandatory-vaccines/article_355a5b40-ffa6-11eb-9c92-d3400616607e.html) - Group rallies in Mansfield to support bill seeking to ban mandatory vaccines
- <https://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/story/news/2021/08/18/group-rallies-mansfield-support-anti-vaccine-mandate-bill/8170828002/> - 'People should have the right to choose': Group rallies in support of 'vaccine choice' bill

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and the urgency of House Bill 248. I heartedly urge you to move this bill out of the Health Committee and on to the full House as soon as possible.