

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

I want to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for allowing me the privilege to submit to you in written form why I fully support House Bill 248. My name is Greg Ellington and I've had the honor of serving as a pharmacist at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center for the past nine years. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving patients and colleagues alike. However, this honor is in significant danger. That is why I write to you with a heavy heart.

As of current, the COVID vaccine is still not FDA approved. It has only been granted an Emergency Use Authorization which is defined as being an "experimental" entity. As such the COVID vaccine is subject to the Nuremberg Code of 1947. The Nuremberg Code was created in the wake of World War II. It established 10 standards that physicians are bound to when using human subjects for experiments. This Code has been accepted worldwide. The premise of the Nuremberg Code is that there be voluntary informed consent of the human subject at all times. This informed consent is absolutely essential. The person(s) involved should have the ability to give legal consent. The Nuremberg Code also states that any participant should be able to freely choose, without the presence of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or any other ulterior form of constraint or coercion. It also states that the human subject should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter so as to enable him to make an informed and enlightened decision. Furthermore, the fifth element of this code includes the statement, "No experiment should be conducted where there is any reason to believe that death or disabling injury will occur." Lastly, the ninth element of this code states, "During the course of the experiment the human subject should be at liberty to bring the experiment to an end if he has reached the physical or mental state where continuation of the experiment seems to him to be impossible."

In closing, I want to state that I believe that it is one's right to have freedom of speech as well as freedom of choice. This is especially true when considering the significance of personal medical decisions that affect an individual's health. This is a basic human right. Allowing anything less than for a person to voluntarily choose their own medical destiny is a transgression of the highest order. When considering one's legacy, would it not be desirable to be on the right side of history by doing the right thing? Hence, I implore you to consider this and ensure that House Bill 248 is passed. Thank you for your time and effort in the pursuit of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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