

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, Enact Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act.

My name is Jane Weiss. I am a retired business manager, family caregiver, and spouse of a Retired Air Force Veteran. I have lived in Ohio for 35 years, coming here for my career and choosing to raise my family here.

Today I come as a Citizen of the United States, representing 333 million current citizens as well as the 1.3 million dead soldiers and 1.8 million Purple Heart recipients who sacrificed greatly to defend the Constitution of the United States. The US Constitution values and protects individual liberty for all citizens over that of the government.

This individual liberty is under severe attack currently because of the vaccine mandates and vaccine passport requirements which are surfacing in both private businesses and government institutions.

No entity can dictate what happens to my body. I am firmly opposed to being forced to inject foreign material into my body. I oppose this for religious, medical, and philosophical reasons. HB 248 is needed to ensure that I will not be discriminated against because of personal needs and beliefs.

I urge you to bring this bill to a vote in this committee. Ohio citizens deserve to know which elected Representatives defend the U.S. Constitution and which do not. You are elected to lead which can mean making difficult decisions. Please don't hide behind the safety of a committee.

The Legislatures from other states have voted to protect individual liberty and freedom. I request to know where my state stands so that I can make choices about where I will live in the future.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248, Enact Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act

