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Health Committee

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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 House Bill 248.

I am a lifelong Ohio resident and have been a Columbus area Registered Nurse for 32 years. I am a strong proponent of HB 248 for many reasons. Foremost, is the proclamation of: "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" afforded to us in the Declaration of Independence. Part of true "LIFE" is the individual's freedom to choose what is best to maintain that LIFE. No government, employer, or institution should have the power to decide what is best to maintain a person's health.

As a nurse, I made an oath to protect and advocate for my patients. True, informed consent has always been an integral part of that. If a patient decides for a treatment, I do everything within my power to help them obtain it. On the other hand, if the patient declines, I respect that and honor their wishes. From day one, we were taught that a patient needs to be educated/informed about every medication and every procedure/treatment. They ALWAYS have a right to accept or decline. Anything less is unethical coercion. All politics aside, can you believe that we've come to a place where many think it's OK to MANDATE medical treatments across the board for everyone? True, informed consent cannot even be occurring! The COVID inoculation hasn't been around long enough to know what could potentially go wrong. There are no double-blind studies. There are no package inserts full of information about potential long term side effects. I have a nurse friend at one of the major area hospitals. She helped give COVID vaccines to the staff recently. She said that they didn't offer the employees any information about potential side effects and they didn't have them sign consents. Doing things in an ethical manner seem to have gone out the window!

Historically, a person could have a "titer" drawn to check to see if they had sufficient antibodies to protect them against a certain disease. For instance, if a person's Tetanus Titer was sufficient, they would not need to receive a Tetanus vaccine. If we were truly following SCIENCE, we would be acknowledging the natural antibodies that COVID survivors have. Many are continuing to show sufficient, natural antibodies over a year out. Our whole family has natural antibodies and our son's recent certificate from the Red Cross after donating blood, is proof of his sufficient antibodies he's sustained for almost 10 months now. Shouldn't we be doing a nationwide study of these natural antibodies? The vaccines obviously aren't creating robust immunity since it's just been announced that booster shots will now be necessary. Some of the earliest COVID vaccines were given in December 2020- just 8 months ago- and they already need boosters? Something is terribly wrong.

The stories of why it's not always in the best interest to take this and other vaccines go on and on. One nurse that I work with had a terrible reaction to a past flu vaccine. She came down with a bad case of

Guillain- Barre Syndrome. It's a neurological disorder in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks part of its peripheral nervous system. It can vary from a mild case to nearly devastating paralysis, leaving the person unable to breathe independently. At that time, her doctor told her NEVER to take ANY vaccine again. She was advised that she may get a permanently debilitating form of Guillain-Barre, or that it could be fatal. She should not have to be choosing between her life and putting bread on the table and roof over her head. All medical decisions need to be made on an individual, fully informed basis.

An ER nurse at my hospital ended up in the ICU 2 days after her COVID vaccination. Partially paralyzed and on a ventilator, she survived, but continues to go through rehabilitation and is unable to fully care for herself or go back to work.

My husband's cousin suffered from Bell's Palsy after his vaccine. His side effects progressed to dangerous problems with blood clots and the need to have a special internal filter (IVC) surgically inserted to prevent these clots from traveling to his lungs. He now is experiencing complications with the filter and its removal.

We have a son that has a genetic mutation called MTHFR. His body doesn't process toxins properly. Something like a preservatives or other additional ingredients in a vaccine could cause his autoimmune encephalitis (brain swelling) to reoccur. We MUST be given the ability to choose!

Looking at only ONE reporting system – the CDC's own VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System), We can see that as of Aug. 6th, 2021, there have been 571,830 adverse events reported and 12,791 COVID Vaccine Deaths. Historically, the adverse reactions are underreported by as much as 99%! If that number is underreported by even 50%, we are potentially looking at 626, 759 COVID vaccine deaths to date. There must be nationwide studies and honest recording of findings!

YouTube currently has a very informative video: 60 Minutes: Swine Flu 1976-
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bOHYZhLOWQ> After only 53 confirmed Swine flu vaccine related deaths, the US government stopped the use of it. Sadly, the CDC had ignored their own insider's warnings about deadly side effects. There were also thousands that developed Guillain-Barre Syndrome. As mentioned before, we have at least 12,791 COVID vaccine deaths reported! WHY have we not ceased giving the COVID vaccine? It is interesting to note that vaccine manufacturers were held liable back in 1976. Because of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, signed into law by Ronald Reagan, the vaccine companies are no longer held liable. Could that have anything to do with the continued use of a vaccine that is causing death and injury to over half a million Americans?

PLEASE accurately REPRESENT the PEOPLE of OHIO. Please maintain our God-given right to choose what we put into our bodies. Please help prevent there being "two Ohios". The discrimination has already begun. YOU can stand for freedom and against the divisiveness.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony. It is imperative to Ohioan's freedom that HB 248 is passed in its current form to maintain true Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Respectfully,

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