

Testimony of Kathryn Haybarger  
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House Bill 248

Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of myself, Registered Nurses, mothers, and healthy, free citizens of the great state of Ohio.

I am writing to express my support of House Bill 248.

First and foremost, I would like to accentuate the point that free will is an innate human right, not just a right enjoyed by American citizens. By free will, I mean a capacity for deliberate, conscious decisions. This sentence is proof of free will so the existence of free will cannot be argued.

With that being established, we come to the subject of vaccine mandates. Before I continue, let me preface my testimony by first saying that I am not anti-vaccine. I am only peacefully protesting vaccine mandates. I believe in the logic of vaccines- that is- pathogens introduced to the body in small amounts so that ultimately immunity against said pathogens can be established. I was vaccinated with Tdap while I was pregnant with my daughter so she could inherit the pertussis antibodies from me. I weighed the benefits and risks of the vaccine and my newborn contracting pertussis. The benefits of the Tdap vaccine won in this case. In the case of the COVID vaccine, the risks outweighed the benefits. Miscarriages have gone up 33% in vaccinated pregnant women. The battle against COVID does not have a one-size-fits all solution.

In many cases, the risks outweigh the benefits of receiving the vaccine. I am not writing today to rattle off examples of vaccine injuries and deaths that have occurred in our state, country, or planet, but the number of injuries and deaths that have occurred since the vaccine's deployment is alarming. There is ample reason for citizens to waver while weighing the pros and cons of receiving this vaccine versus contracting the virus and allowing natural immunity to do what it was designed to do.

We have rights as human beings to decide whether we would like to take an active risk by receiving this vaccine versus a passive risk of contracting the virus and relying upon our natural immunity to defeat it. By mandating the COVID vaccine, you would knowingly be bringing harm to citizens of Ohio, causing job losses, further devastating the healthcare system because workers would lose their jobs, and most importantly, taking away freedom of choice in the last free country in the world.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Haybarger