

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and members of the House Health Committee, I want to thank you for taking a few minutes to receive my testimony in SUPPORT of HB 248.

I am Kevin Ingledue MBA and not counting my childhood “jobs” as newspaper carrier and neighborhood grass cutter / snow shoveler, I have enjoyed about forty five years of experiences focusing on hospitality, customer service and satisfaction, and in more than half of those years in constantly changing technology related positions. I am also a lifelong resident of Ohio and have loved every day of it - up until last year. In all of those years in various positions of employment ranging from front line grunt to various management level positions and everything in between, I have never seen anything quite so frightening as the recent attitudes being inflamed on everyday working Ohioans and our families by our current executive administration, various unelected bureaucrats with impressive titles after their names, and other small but vocal groups of connected politicians and activists whose special interests to be of influence over the masses are nakedly clear.

I support HB 248 because nobody, in any position of public service or perceived authority, for any reason, should have a carte blanche right to arbitrarily force chemical substances or medications onto another person nor to arbitrarily force another person to use or wear medical devices - including facemasks.

I support HB 248 because parents - not public servants, politicians, activists, or special interests – are the ones who should be making these kinds of decisions for their children prior to the age of majority.

I support HB 248 because in the United States of America there is a presumption of innocence until proven guilty – and the notion that an individual or a business or a public service agency or anyone else should be able to arbitrarily pronounce one as infected or potentially infected or contagious or treat them like a red-headed stepchild waking around with cooties “just because maybe...” and without cause and due process - is offensive and unacceptable in a free society.

I support HB 248 because discriminating against someone for NOT performing a certain particular controversial action, with the threat of and capability to follow through that they would deny a hard working loyal employee the ability to continue working to support a family or their individual livelihoods, or they would deny students of all ages their right to public education services paid for with our collective tax dollars and or with out of pocket tuition costs, or that they would deny someone routine medical care and attention for everything else that may be necessary, or they would even think it is appropriate to block someone from going to a grocery store, pharmacy, or gas station ... is offensive and unacceptable in a free society.

I support HB 248 because medical care and choices of how it should be managed absolutely should be between an adult patient and their personal physician (or parents and their family physician in the case of minors), and absolutely in no way should be subject to interference by other members of the general public - including politicians, educators, employers, activists, and

whatever the vocal minority du jour happens to be. These are personal and private choices and decisions.

HB 248 does not compel any action on others who might not want to perform said action – it only re-enforces what should be common sense already, being that one cannot be discriminated against for making personal medical decisions for themselves that one has every right to make. HB 248 is not a “thou shall do this; thou shall do that...” type of bill – rather it specifically seeks to prevent others from imposing this very offensive, unacceptable, sanctimonious type of behavior on the masses.

Finally, as we learned back in junior high school, our various governments are set up with a series of checks and balances – sometimes we need tools like HB 248 to keep those principles in line. It is despicable to watch the current executive team daily fanning the flames of discord between Ohioans about topics like this that absolutely should NOT be the function of a sitting governor. I support HB 248 because along with other tools, it gives We the People – millions of typical everyday Ohioans - one more tool in the toolbox to protect our God given rights and freedom that we each make informed personal decisions on these type of private medical matters in the manner that is appropriate for us as individuals and families.

Thank you again for taking the time to receive my input on this very important bill, and for the work that your committee is doing to get this passed out for a floor vote as soon as possible. I trust that it will pass and with a veto proof majority – but should that not be the outcome, it is extremely important for every Ohioan, regardless of where they stand on this bill and other issues, to clearly understand where their elected representatives stand on issues like this. These are the kind of decisions that help all of us be better informed voters when election time comes around – failure to act is not really an option.

Best Regards,

Kevin Ingledue