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H.B. 248 Proponent Testimony
House Health Committee

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo and honorable members of the House Health Committee thank you for considering my testimony in support of Sub HB 248.

I write to this committee again to URGE you to vote yes on this very important bill so that Ohioans can breathe a sigh of relief. Since I last submitted testimony on May 25, 2021 (just 3 short months ago), a lot has changed in the state. Countless employers and universities have mandated the Covid-19 vaccine. Ohioans desperately need a bill that will allow them the right to decline a non-FDA approved pharmaceutical in order to retain their job or go to school, but also to be able to purchase groceries, go to restaurants/concerts and participate in society.

When I submitted testimony in May there were 4,201 deaths following Covid-19 vaccination reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). As of August 6, the number of deaths have jumped to an astounding **12,791 deaths**, 13,139 life-threatening adverse events, 16,044 cases of permanent disability, and over 121,000 hospitalizations and emergency room visits following Covid vaccination reported to VAERS (<https://wonder.cdc.gov/vaers.html>). These numbers are astronomical, and personally I cannot believe these products have not been pulled. For a preventative health measure, the track record is horrendous.

Additionally, every manufacturer of a Covid-19 vaccine has **zero liability** or responsibility for the damage their product causes. Cited above are 162,974 human beings who have had negative health impacts from the administration of this vaccine. How many Ohioans have been required to take this non-FDA approved pharmaceutical who did not want to, but were coerced into taking it because they wanted WORK or go to school? How can we allow employers, schools and business to discriminate or treat people differently based on their decision to decline a product whose manufacturer, distributor, state, and healthcare professionals have ZERO liability if the product harms or kills the recipient? If the covid-19 vaccinations were safe, the pharmaceutical companies, doctors and regulatory agencies should accept liability. After reviewing the VAERS data, I can see why they would not assume that liability. **How can we mandate a product when NO ONE assumes liability for its safety?**

Again, I URGE this committee to vote yes on HB248 so that Ohioans can make their own health decisions without threat of not being able to provide for their family, obtain an education or to participate in society. I leave the committee with headlines from various articles. Please read them and see if you ever thought the world, or your state would come to this. Is this what you want for Ohio? You have to ability to change the trajectory. Please vote yes on HB248.

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Report: Los Angeles to require vaccinations to buy groceries

Plan introduced by Council President Nury Martinez



By [Bob Unruh](#)
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No vaccine, no service, new Boise restaurant says. 'We had people compare us to Nazis'

BY MICHAEL DEEDS

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Employees say Malley's Chocolates mandating COVID-19 vaccine for all workers

The company is one of the first in Northeast Ohio to require employees get vaccinated or risk losing their jobs.

Vaccination Requirements for Case Western Reserve University

Article Date: July 15, 2021

Several Northeast Ohio music venues now require proof of vaccination, negative Covid test

NEW YORK TODAY

Vaccine Mandate for Indoor Venues Starts in New York City



By Ashley Wong

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imposing requirements to protect our federal workforce and those they serve, offering additional incentives for vaccination, and making it even easier for people, especially young people, to get themselves and their loved ones vaccinated.

Today's actions include:

Strengthening Safety Protocols for Federal Employees and Federal Contractors. Today, the President will announce that to help protect workers and their communities, every federal government employee and onsite contractor will be asked to attest to their vaccination status. Anyone who does not attest to being fully vaccinated will be required to wear a mask on the job no matter their geographic location, physically distance from all other employees and visitors, comply with a weekly or twice weekly screening testing requirement, and be subject to restrictions on official travel.



QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

Quinnipiac University to Fine Students Who Are Not Vaccinated for COVID

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Another step toward COVID vaccine passport? California, San Francisco, San Jose gear up for new mandates

State issues new rules for events of 1,000 people; San Francisco's mother of all mandates starts Friday

