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Dear 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. My name is Mary Meyer. I have a degree in Electrical Engineering. I am a faithful Catholic, a wife, and a mother of three.

The reason I support House Bill 248 is because the free exercise clause of the US Constitution's First Amendment requires all Ohioans should have ultimate authority over their medical decisions and a right to maintain privacy regarding their decisions.

Without the passage of HB 248 the people of Ohio will be unprotected from discrimination or biweekly surveillance because they can't get the injection. It is easy to see first-hand the animosity being generated against unvaccinated individuals since they are forced to self-identify. Moreover, because of fear of retribution, any type of exemption is not being given or accepted.

Many Ohioans are already immune. We have the antibodies and as such as are more susceptible to a vaccine adverse reaction. Our natural immunity is robust and long lasting and there is no need to take on the risk of a vaccine.

Moreover, some of us are allergic to the vaccine ingredients. The CDC website states that people with a known diagnosed allergy to PEG, polyethylene glycol, another MRNA vaccine component, or polysorbate, have a contraindication to the vaccination.

Some of us take moral issue with the use of fetal tissue in the testing or manufacture of the vaccine. Each Christians has a moral duty to obey his or her own conscience. Therefore, if a Christian comes to an informed judgment that he or should not receive a vaccine, then it is their moral duty to refuse the use of medical products (including certain vaccines) that are created using a human cell line derived from abortion.

Some of us take philosophical issue as we may be the one that has the life altering vaccine adverse reaction. Many Ohioans have researched the vaccine. They have heard the testimonies of vaccine injured individuals such as (see Stephanie and Maddie de Garay's at the press conference of US senator Ron Johnson of WI.) They have researched the CDC's VAERS data base. There are more reported adverse events (including deaths and permanent disability) from the COVID vaccine than all 20 years of the early warning system combined. As of today: 12,366 deaths, 14,251 permanently disabled, 5236 heart attacks, 3728 myocarditis/pericarditis, 1381 miscarriages. There is no long-term data on this vaccine

We the people are scared. We either play Russian roulette with our lives or face poverty, all under the false pretense of the greater good. Just this month the CDC's Director Rochelle Walensky told the media that fully vaccinated people who get a COVID-19 breakthrough infection can spread the virus to others even if they are not symptomatic.

Without the exemption provisions this bill provides, the notion of a vaccine passport will lead to a class system in Ohio where segregation and prejudice will flourish. Please ensure that HB248 has an emergency provision, is heard, and PASSED promptly.

Sincerely,

Mary Meyer