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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.

My name is Melanie Musulin, a mother, wife, and teacher. The reason I support House Bill 248 is to preserve our medical freedom and privacy.

More than ever it seems as if our medical freedom and privacy are at risk. As a mother, wife and teacher I make choices to best protect my family, students, and others. When making health decisions for my family I look at the risk-benefit analysis for any procedure, medication, vaccination, and other lifestyle decision. What is best for my family might not be best for another family; I respect another person's medical decisions and would hope this is reciprocated.

A concern of mine is privacy in the workplace. At the end of the school year, we were instructed to upload our vaccination status to a *Google* document if we wanted to be mask-free. This information would be shared with our building administrator and, I would infer, administrative assistants. Regardless of my status, I did not feel comfortable sharing this with my employer, and having this online means it is potentially available for others to see as well. I would like to think that this is a genuine gesture to protect people, but in my opinion it was a way to pressure people to get vaccinated. For instance, I know many parents and teachers that compromised their medical beliefs because they did not want to wear a mask. To date, the mask policy has been reinstated regardless of vaccination status.

Another concern of mine are mandates. Historically, Ohio has protected students and workers with vaccination exemptions for good conscious, religious, and medical reasons. Before making medical decisions people should do their homework and calculate the risk-benefit analysis. Medical freedom shouldn't be compromised because of a government mandate, whether at the local, state, and/or federal level. Why are these mandates being considered when there are therapies available? Why are these mandates being considered for those who have natural immunity? The data needs to be reported without bias. For instance, of the 335 children under the age of 18 that have died is it because of COVID or a pre-existing medical condition? The CDC has not researched this. A research team at Johns Hopkins found, "a mortality rate of zero among children without a pre-existing medical condition such as leukemia." Why are children the target of a vaccination without an analysis of its relevant risk factors like obesity? I read in Dr. Hyman's book, [Food What the Heck Should I Eat?](#), that 80% of our healthcare problems/costs could be fixed with diet and lifestyle changes. It seems our attention is being diverted from one of the major causes of mortality in this country...HINT, it's not COVID.

One thing this pandemic has brought to light is how important it is to protect our medical freedom and privacy. Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Kindly,

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