

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Honorable Members of the House Health Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Sub HB 248.

My name is Scott Shoemaker, and I am the father of three children, two of whom were injured by vaccines and I recovered them both by doing what doctors warned me against doing. I also have an extended family member who was injured in her teens by the Gardasil vaccine, and most recently, an aunt who suffered a severe heart attack within only a few hours of her second COVID-19 injection. Vaccine injury is very real, and very common in my family, and the thought of my children being exposed to forced vaccine mandates, passports, and discrimination for not consuming a liability free medical product is unsettling for not just me, but an overwhelming portion of the population.

The latest COVID-19 vaccine injury data from the VAERS database at the time of writing this shows that there were 12,791 deaths, 51,242 hospitalizations, 5,282 incidents of anaphylaxis, 4,461 episodes of Bell's palsy, 16,044 people that are permanently disabled, 5,590 Heart Attacks, and (the list goes on), and these statistics are related to the COVID-19 vaccine alone. Keep in mind that the vast majority of vaccine injuries go unreported. For instance, my aunt's heart attack, as serious as it was, was never reported.

In the 1970's there were between 50-75 people that died from the swine flu vaccine that was marketed to the public. The vaccine was pulled from the market because of the dangers it presented and the deaths and injuries that it caused. It was a huge failure. Today, the pharmaceutical industry has developed vaccines for COVID-19 that have killed and injured thousands (according to VAERS), and many of these people had no previous medical conditions. Yet, the media, the government, and some doctors and businesses are harassing and bullying Ohioans to get it. And it is rapidly getting worse. What has changed since the 1970's? Quite simply, where there is risk, THERE MUST BE CHOICE!

I also am president of an organization called Health Freedom Ohio, and we have met or spoken with many of you. Until these last several months, we mostly represented the parents of vaccine injured children whose parents are terrified that their children will live in a world of discrimination and/or mandates and potentially face further harm. It is a very realistic and legitimate reason to be scared. More recently, we have had hundreds more Ohioans, many of them medical professionals, that are reaching out to us and embracing our organization and rejecting the COVID-19 vaccine as it is being forced on them for various reasons. Many of them are in danger of losing their jobs. For all I know, my own job may be in jeopardy as well. Our freedom to choose rights need to be protected.

For the last 15 years or so, the pharma funded media has turned much of the public against us parents with their propaganda machine by releasing misleading information and referring to us as "anti-vaxxers", because being "anti-" anything just sounds bad. What they neglect to tell the public is that most of us DID VACCINATE our children. We held our children's hands over the

fire and watched them get burned. If we continued to assault them with these liability free medical products that injured them, what kind of parents would we be???

Since my children were injured, I learned a lot about my own health. I boosted my vitamin D levels to around 100 over 10 years ago through supplementation, diet and sunlight. Aside from an appendectomy, I have not been sick since, not even a runny nose, and I used to get sick at least 2-3 times a year. I took my family's health into my own hands and it is working for me. The medical community could learn from people like me. Since I have found something that keeps me from getting sick, why do I need to take a vaccine? It makes absolutely no sense.

Since our organization has already submitted testimony and hundreds of others also have as well in support of this bill, I will spare you all the redundant facts that are most likely being repeated throughout these submissions. I will say that we do support Sub HB 248 in its current form. I was hesitant to submit this testimony as we are aware that amendments may drastically change this bill. We do, however, support health freedom bills in general.

This bill is not about whether vaccines work or not, or even whether you are for them or against them. It is about Freedom. Freedom matters to me and it should matter to everyone in this room. This bill is about whether a person has the right to decide what is injected into themselves or their children, especially when they can never take it out, their children have been injured already by some of these products, and the manufacturers have absolutely no liability. If the vaccine manufacturers will not stand behind their own products, WHY SHOULD WE?

Sadly, this vaccine controversy is becoming one of the biggest civil rights issues of our time. What we are seeing now can be described as medical racism. When we are harassed and bullied by our own government for the medical decisions that we make, our personal freedoms are violated, and we no longer have bodily autonomy, what do we have left?

What we are simply asking is that our fundamental freedoms are protected, and the autonomy of our citizens is preserved under the law. Thank you all for your consideration and I urge you all to vote yes on Sub HB 248.