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Dear Committee members, my name is Taunia Capehart, and I would like to thank you for taking the time to review my testimony. I live in Amelia, Ohio. I am writing to you today because I am starting to see vaccine mandates in our state.

I believe Covid Vaccine mandates are against our constitutional rights. We should be able to decide whether or not we receive this vaccination. This "vaccination" has not been tested long enough to see what potential side effects it could cause. I feel it is wrong to force anyone into taking this new and unapproved drug. More importantly, it is wrong to take away the freedom of making one's own healthcare decisions.

That is why I am writing to you today. Please pass House Bill 248 to help insure the safety of our constitutional rights. Especially the right to say "no" to anything we see as a threat or risk to our own health. Private businesses such as hospitals, schools etc. should not be able to take that right away from anyone nor should the government. No one should be threatened to lose their job or to be treated differently because they are concerned about what an unapproved drug might do to their bodies. Why should any other person/business be gifted that kind of control over someone else's life?

It is my opinion that we have an insignificant amount of data, regarding this vaccine, at our disposal. Everyone is complaining on how anything negative about these vaccines that gets posted gets taken down. This makes the decision to vaccinate a concerning issue. Lift the bans on withholding information. This is our freedom of speech being taken away. Let all the doctors freely speak about the possible outcomes of this new vaccine, both sides. When negative side effects are reported, publish all of them. Allow people to make their own educated decisions. This is our rights as Americans.

In short, Vaccine Mandates of unproven, data lacking and potentially more risky than the Covid Virus itself, should be stopped! Pass House Bill 248 and protect my rights and the rights of all Ohioians, old and young. Protect our freedoms that so many have given their lives to protect. Keep us safe from unfair prosecution. Allow me and others to have say over our own bodies . Allow us to keep our voice.

Thank you again for your time and consideration,
Taunia Capehart
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