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To the House Commerce and Labor Committee,

Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Wilson, Ranking Member Craig, and Members of the Senate General Government Budget Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 218.

My name is Jacob Eilerman, and I am an Actuary (Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society). As an actuary and someone that holds degrees in Mathematics (Statistical Concentration), Economics, and Actuarial Science, I have been evaluating a lot of the decisions being made by governments, schools, and businesses over the last year from a number's perspective. My wife is a pharmacist (PharmD) so we have a unique combination in our household to evaluate the events of the past two years both mathematically and medically. The reason I am in favor of House Bill 218 is because it will protect Ohioans' Medical Freedom and will prevent segregation based on receipt of a medical treatment in our society. Everyone should have a CHOICE when it comes to their medical decisions WITHOUT COERCION and the threat of losing one's livelihood. However, before passing, I do believe that this bill NEEDS the following revisions via amendments:

1. The "sunset clause" repealing sections 3792.05, 3792.07, and 3792.08 of the Revised Code on September 30, 2025, MUST be removed. Ohioans' freedoms do not expire, and this protection on our Medical Freedom should not have an expiration date! Good government, at its core, protects individual liberty!
2. The bill needs revised to protect ALL Ohioans. There should be NO special interest carve outs to allow workers at Children's hospitals and employees in intensive or critical care units to be discriminated against. There is no reason to exempt Children's hospitals in the first place. Children are the least susceptible to Covid. Per the Ohio Department of Health Covid-19 dashboard (as of 11-26-2021), there have been 19 deaths in the age 0-19 range. This accounts for only 0.07% of the total 26,483 deaths in the state of Ohio.

If this was actually about health, safety, and patient care rather than control and money, we would not be allowing hospital workers with Natural Immunity to be fired for not receiving a vaccination, especially during staffing shortages. Hospitals should be staffing Covid floors, critical care units, and intensive care units with employees that have Natural Immunity. This would protect both patients and employees more than the current mRNA therapeutics, which do not stop transmission of the virus. There have been 135 research studies affirming naturally acquired immunity to Covid-19. Please see the Brownstone Institute article "135 Research Studies Affirm Naturally Acquired Immunity to Covid-19: Documented, Linked, and Quoted" by Dr. Paul Elias Alexander (<https://brownstone.org/articles/79-research-studies-affirm-naturally-acquired-immunity-to-covid-19-documented-linked-and-quoted/>) for reference and links to all 135 studies.

We need to protect the Medical Freedom of all Ohioans, especially the frontline workers that were considered heroes in 2020! Especially, when we know that the safety record of these shots is worse than all prior vaccinations combined in Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). As of November 12, 2021, VAERS (openvaers.com/covid-data) reports:

- 18,853 Deaths
- 94,537 Hospitalizations
- 8,082 Anaphylaxis reactions
- 2,996 Miscarriages
- 9,332 Heart Attacks
- 13,237 Myocarditis/Pericarditis
- 30,010 Permanently Disabled
- 4,387 Thrombocytopenia
- 21,089 Life Threatening Cases

A 2011 report by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Inc. for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) stated that fewer than one percent of all vaccine adverse events are reported to the government (<https://digital.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/docs/publication/r18hs017045-lazarus-final-report-2011.pdf>):

“Although 25% of ambulatory patients experience an adverse drug event, less than 0.3% of all adverse drug events and 1-13% of serious events are reported to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Likewise, fewer than 1% of vaccine adverse events are reported. Low reporting rates preclude or slow the identification of “problem” drugs and vaccines that endanger public health. New surveillance methods for drug and vaccine adverse effects are needed.”

3. This bill needs an Emergency Clause so that it takes affect as soon as possible. Many Ohioans' livelihoods are being threatened right before the holidays. Providing job security without being threatened to receive a medical treatment against one's will could be the best Christmas present that many could ask for this year.

From an economic perspective, we are currently experiencing a labor shortage in this country. There are supply chain issues in many industries. By allowing the mandating of the Covid-19 vaccines, we will further exacerbate this problem. We will be artificially reducing labor supply from all workers to only vaccinated individuals when shots are mandated. Per the Ohio Department of Health Covid-19 dashboard (as of 11-28-2021), 52.7% of Ohioans have received both doses of the vaccine. The percentage is significantly lower if we were to exclude the retired population. This is only going to make shortages worse and increase inflation. This is basic supply and demand economics! It makes absolutely no sense to mandate therapeutics that DO NOT stop the transmission of the disease and create further labor shortage issues at the same time, especially in health care!

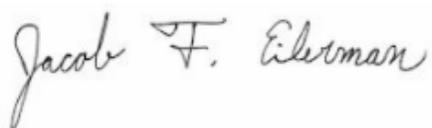
Furthermore, these vaccination mandates are a clear VIOLATION of “The Nuremburg Code (1949):”

“The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved, as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision.”

If this does not concern you, I am not sure what will. Individuals must always have a choice when receiving medical treatments WITHOUT COERCION! These mandates, with the threat of losing one's livelihood, are COERCION! The precedent set by these mandates will likely lead to further mandates. What is to stop employers from mandating testing for AIDS, testing for sexually transmitted diseases, or requiring other medical treatments? Do we really want the government and our employers in charge of what medical treatments that we receive?

I am not anti-vaccine. I am for MEDICAL FREEDOM! We have never had a one size fits all medical system in the United States, nor should we. People should always have a CHOICE in what medical treatments they receive based on INFORMED CONSENT! House bill 218 needs to be improved with the minimum above mentioned revisions and passed IMMEDIATELY! Time is of the essence.

Thank you for you time and God Bless,



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