

Hello my name is William Neisen

I want to thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony with you this afternoon.

The reason I stand here, is because I am a Citizen, and a resident in the State of Ohio.

Over 50 years ago when I enlisted in the US Marine Corps Reserves, I clearly recall, that day at boot camp when I raised my right hand and said: "... I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America."

Now, many years after my honorable discharge in the 70's, that pledge still means everything to me today.

The point here is that personal freedoms in America do matter.

Looking back through history the words mandatory and forced, bring images of Lions in the Roman Colosseum, or centuries later people with nothing but the clothes on their back waiting for the next train, and even today, in 2017 we see millions of people seeking refuge and freedom in countries other than their own.

All this because - little by little, their rights for personal and religious freedom have been taken from them.

For me personally, I'm old enough to consider that mandatory flu shots are a bit too reminiscent of the days in Europe, when a required tattoo or arm band was needed in order to go to work or walk the streets.

I'm a firm believer in the advancements that have been made by science through thorough testing and research but the scientific evidence for the need for mandatory flu vaccination is non existent.

Like everyone that's been to boot camp, I'm not a stranger to shots, as a matter of fact - I just stood in line and took shots in both arms at the same time, on many different days not even knowing what I was receiving. The long-term effects of all those injections remain unknown to me.

However, I would like to share a reaction I had to a flu shot back in 1994. Driving by a free health clinic at the local community center I decide to pull in and check it out.

Why not - it's free. Free hearing and blood pressure tests, a free flu shot and a hand full of health oriented literature, and I was on my way.

Well within 2 weeks I was in the hospital in a near comma with brain swelling so severe that I didn't even recognize my wife and daughter. I was given a spinal tap as part of their efforts to try and figure out what exactly was wrong with me.

My speech was disoriented, and I was in and out of consciousness. My wife and daughter didn't know if they would ever get back the husband and father they knew. I was in the intensive care for 4 days and in the hospital for almost a week. I was left with medical bills over \$40,000 that placed serious financial burden on my family. I was never told there was a vaccine injury reporting system or any possibility of compensation from NVICP.

**For Me that "FREE" flu shot was *far from free*!! I can't even fathom having a flu shot be required for me to obtain employment!!**

Your desire to serve the right to bodily autonomy for the people of Ohio will be reflected in your vote.

Thank you again for taking the time to listen to me. Please vote Yes on HB 193.