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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Michael Connaughton and I am Regional Sales Manager for a Media company who travels as part of my job. I support House Bill 248.

Regarding the vaccine, according to the CDC website: "Over 245 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered in the United States from Dec. 14, 2020, through May 3, 2021. During this time, VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) received 4,178 reports of death (0.0017%) among people who received a COVID-19 vaccine.

Contrast what's happening now with COVID-19 deaths to what happened in 1976 with the Swine Flu. In 1976, 45 million people were vaccinated for the Swine Flu. 53 people died. The Government halted the vaccinations. From 1997 to now, there have been more deaths from the COVID-19 Vaccines than from all other vaccines combined. It's not safe!

Moreover, the shots do not make you immune. You can still get infected and they do not prevent you from spreading the virus if you're infected. It's experimental gene intervention. The so-called vaccine is a synthetic spike protein that has never been tested for effectiveness before being injected into the human body, and at some point it's supposed to stop, but the Medical experts can't be sure that it ever does stop. That's why people are having side effects. It's messenger RNA. For me, the potential risks far outweigh the potential benefit, besides why do you need to get a vaccine for something where the recovery rate is 99.9%

This is still in Clinical Trials and has not been fully approved by the FDA for anything other than emergency use. (EUA). The Government nor any Ohio Business Enterprise has any right to force me into allowing a substance that is in the experimental stage into my body so that I'm free to travel or enjoy myself in a public way.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

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