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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248. My name is Jeremy Hughes, and I am Flight Nurse and Paramedic living in Lorain County. The reason I support HB248 is because it allows for the freedom of choice. I believe that the ability to choose when it comes to one's own health is an inherent right afforded to us by the United States Constitution.

The idea that employers can mandate all vaccines is frustrating, but my big concern currently is the anticipated requirement of the Covid-19 vaccine by my employer. I have concerns with the fact that there are no long-term studies on the new technology included in the mRNA vaccines and that there have already been serious complications from the viral vector vaccines of Jansen and AstraZeneca. There are also numerous reports of adverse reactions from the mRNA vaccines when you reference the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) and while these are all anecdotal in nature, I feel they are not being taken seriously. The fact that there are no long-term studies is confounded by the fact that there never will be as the control group no longer exists. By allowing the control group of their study to obtain vaccination, they have ruined any chance we will be able to compare the vaccinated group to the unvaccinated group.

I think that the right to choose whether you receive this vaccine, and all vaccines for that matter, should be inherently protected. The Covid-19 vaccine still has not completed its trial period and in comparison, to the published data from the vaccine manufacturers, the Absolute Risk reduction from all these manufacturers is only 0.7-1.1 % risk reduction. This is in comparison to the Relative Risk reduction that was reported at 95-97%. These numbers are extremely different and directly impact the reporting of actual vaccine effectiveness. I have attached this peer-review journal article to my email for your reference.

I apologize for the long letter. I could speak on the data, as well as provide the evidence-base research I have been examining for the last year or so, that contradict the narrative at much greater length, but I will respect your time. I hope that if any of you have additional questions you, please contact me and I can provide any additional resources you would like.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on the importance of supporting HB248.

Sincerely,

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