Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide my proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Christine Klun and I am a Mechanical Engineering Technologist and I live in Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

When our governor first announced the Coronovirus lockdowns, I knew something was wrong. I had seen the data from Italy showing that the virus caused only mild symptoms in most cases and only resulted in death for people with an average age of 80 with 2 to 3 comorbidities. I gave the governor the benefit of the doubt that he was ignorant of this information. I joined Twitter so that I could share this data in his Twitter feed. When I saw the presser where he rolled out the IHME graph that predicted 2.2 million deaths I shouted at the screen, "No, you don't understand! The data behind that graph has been discredited already. Even the man who created the graph, Neil Ferguson, broke the UK's lockdown rules. He doesn't believe his own data!" But when our governor tightened the noose day by day, when businesses, schools, and daycares were closed, when people who lived hand-to-mouth were denied their source of income, when I saw the lines to the food pantries grow, I knew this didn't make sense and that this wasn't about a virus.

I had my eureka moment when our governor said we were not getting back to normal until there was a vaccine and enough people take it. That's when everything made sense. This is about the *vaccine*. That's why all the panic and fearmongering, the ridiculous death projections with no hope, the continued infliction of ever greater restrictions and misery.

That's why there was all that incongruous happy talk about his ties and noodle soup and play-dough, why Dr. Amy Acton was bouncing gleefully in those first videos. They knew it wasn't an emergency. They just had to convince us it was. That's why they had a schizophrenic attitude of gloom and glee.

That's why there was no talk about treatments or natural immunity. If there's a cure, then you won't need a vaccine. It's why they exaggerated the numbers, why the governor constantly called Covid a "monster out there" - to keep you terrified until the vaccine was ready. That's why he had briefings where there is nothing to say, no new news: to keep the tension high, to keep you frightened and miserable and desperate for normalcy until the vaccine was ready.

It's why he closed daycares, summer camps, and swimming pools despite the fact that children don't die from Covid. It's so you would be motivated to get millions of low-risk children vaccinated. It's why they kept repeating the lie that "this virus doesn't discriminate". He had to keep us convinced that young, healthy people will die without the vaccine.

It's why he didn't declare "victory!" and look like a hero when our numbers were so low in the summer of 2020. He didn't want a victory. Victory means no vaccine.

Despite all the talk from politicians around the US that they are just looking out for our health, all of their Covid mitigation methods have had the opposite effect. 80% of the people hospitalized for Covid were obese. The solution? Close the gyms, tell you to stay home, make alcohol available for take-out, and entice you with free donuts and cake on a stick if you get vaccinated. For good health we need fresh air and sunshine to encourage our bodies produce Vitamin D. Instead we were told to stay home and when we did go out we were forced to breath our own CO2 in a mask. We were kept away from

each other so we didn't develop natural immunity. The old and the sick were terrified to the point they wouldn't go the hospital for vital healthcare for fear of catching Covid there.

In the effort to protect our physical health, our mental health was abused for over a year. During this past year and a half playgrounds and picnic tables were roped off. We were told you can't celebrate a normal Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Easter, you can't have a normal wedding, funeral, graduation, prom, or birthday party, you can't go on vacation, you can't hug your grandchildren, you can't go to school, you can't play sports, no concerts, museums, or theater, you can't have a carnival, you can't sing at church, you can't dance, you can't see people smile, you can't eat in a restaurant, you can't go out past curfew, you can't see your friends, you lost your job, you lost your business, you've been driven into poverty, hunger, and homelessness, you can't see your therapist, no visitors allowed at your the nursing home. Our lives were warped and we were isolated to the point that we were depressed, anxious, suicidal, and drug addicted. I cannot think of anything short of a bullet that could have been more harmful to our health than what has been done to us for the last year and a half.

Our governor now has a new threat for us: he said the number of people vaccinated will determine what Fall looks like. I believe when the normal flu season begins the governor will say, "See, Covid is back, and it is the fault of the unvaccinated." We can't allow this to happen.

A year of torture was supposed to make us beg for the vaccine, the quote "ticket to freedom". I bet governors around the US are shocked that we aren't already at a 90% vaccination rate for what they have put us through. I think they will try again in Fall to reach that percentage. I want HB 248 passed so that I have the right to refuse any future attempts to force this vaccine on me or deny me a normal life if I refuse to take it.

These vaccines are experimental gene therapies being used under emergency authorization. They are not approved by the FDA. They have not been subjected to any long term human trials. When the mRNA vaccines were originally rolled out they were *not* promised to prevent infection or spread, only to reduce symptoms. The only immunity we are sure these vaccines provide is immunity for the vaccine manufacturers who cannot be sued for any injuries or deaths they cause. I have an over 99% chance of surviving Covid, recovering completely, and achieving natural immunity. I should not be penalized in any way for doing my own risk/benefit analysis and deciding not to take this vaccine.

An Oxford University study has determined that spike proteins could already be detected in Covid vaccine recipients' blood plasma. Another study from Temple University says these proteins can disrupt the blood-brain barrier. I believe the spike proteins from these vaccines are going cause neurological issues in the coming years. mRNA vaccines instruct your cells to make spike proteins that they don't normally make; if even one of those proteins is malformed it is called a prion which could lead to prion disease which is 100% fatal. Coincidentally, all these free give-aways of processed foods high in sugar and fat and cooked to high temperatures are high in Phos-phat-idyl-ethanolamine which is a crucial to the production of infectious prions. From the research I have done I also fear the presence of foreign RNA from these vaccines could lead to an inflammatory response leading to autoimmune conditions. My concerns are legitimate and grave. I should not be abused, pressured, or bribed into ignoring them.

Governor Dewine still has his grip on nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and schools where vaccine status discrimination could still be enforced and medical privacy violated. We can't have Fall arrive and the governor say that you can't see your grandmother or you can't go to school unless you are

vaccinated. We need this bill to protect us. Everyone who wants to be vaccinated has had the opportunity. If you are vaccinated, according to our governor, you are 100% safe. If that is the case, the vaccinated have nothing to fear from the unvaccinated. Any type of discrimination is unnecessary.

This past year a woman on Twitter said she couldn't stand the sound of her child's cries from behind the door after she confined her child to her room to start her two week quarantine, sparking outrage from normal people online who could see that this is child abuse. I called the Ohio Department of Health about three months ago to confirm their recommendations for children who were not showing symptoms, but had been exposed to someone who tested positive for Covid with a PCR test, a test that is completely unreliable. The ODH confirmed that they advise that the child be isolated in their room, their food left outside their door, and that they don't have physical contact with anyone, not even their pets. I asked specifically about pets and the girl who answered the phone had to ask her supervisor and was told that pets should be treated like humans. Children are being put in solitary confinement, perhaps multiple times this past year and a half, a practice that is defined as cruel and unusual punishment and is banned by the Geneva Convention. Now school children are being threatened that, come Fall, if they are unvaccinated they can be subjected to this cruel quarantine an unlimited number of times, but the vaccinated are exempt. This is coercion. It is child abuse and it is sick. Haven't children suffered enough having already been forced into unnecessary online schooling, masks, Plexiglas cages, and 6 feet of separation during class, lunch, recess? Some have been deprived of their friends for over a year by frightened but well-meaning parents. Two years of fleeting, precious, and irreplaceable years of youth have been stolen from our children. This needs to stop.

My niece is in daycare and she hasn't seen an adult face there in over a year. One of her classmates' mother is so afraid of Covid that she masks her 3 year old all day at daycare. My 3-year old niece told me that that girl quote "did something bad". Even a 3 year old is able to tell that these masks are a punishment, intended to shame and humiliate. I have no doubt that the next step will be to force regular testing or mandatory masks on unvaccinated children. Children are not significant spreaders. They need to be released from any health restrictions. I have no doubt that children ages 2-11 will be the next target to pressure to get this unnecessary experimental vaccine. Two year olds should not be threatened with a swab jabbed up to their brain every time they get a sniffle for the crime of not being vaccinated against Covid. This testing has already been threatened by my niece's daycare in order to return after *any* illness on the advice of our local health department.

Dr. Acton showed her hand early in this pandemic. She said her dream was Health Passports. This, I believe, was the goal all along. The passports, I believe, are the reason for the ineffective mitigation efforts – the lockdowns, the Plexiglas, the crowd limits. The goal is to destroy small businesses so that big corporations like Walmart and Amazon, the ones who got super-rich during the lockdowns, are all you have to choose from. Then, if Vaccine Passports are rolled out, the big businesses have a monopoly and can refuse to serve you if you are not vaccinated, and have the power to shut off your life. The possibilities for abuse are horrific. What's to stop an out of control government from turning off your Vaccine Passport if you say something against them, or express an unpopular political opinion, or post something on social media they don't like? Aren't we already shocked at what governors have gotten away with? Anyone in this legislature could be a victim of this system when an opposing party comes into power.

I believe the FEMA camps our governor was trying to set up last August at local colleges were meant to indefinitely "quarantine" anyone who refuses to get the vaccine, or refuses to comply with endless, painful swabs up their nose, or anyone who gets caught in the web of contact tracing. I believe this is to coerce any holdouts to get vaccinated and force them into the passport system.

If we pass House Bill 248 and ensure that every Ohioian is guaranteed vaccine choice and healthcare privacy, we make it impossible for this nightmare scenario to happen. The only way Vaccine Passports work is if #1 enough people are coerced into taking this vaccine and #2 HIPPA is violated by our being forced to reveal our private health information to any business or service who demands it. I believe if we pass House Bill 248 we make Health Passports impossible.

I am immunocompromised. I have severe allergies. I almost went into anaphylactic shock in March of this year after an emergency appendectomy and still no one knows which one of the many drugs I was administered at the hospital caused it. Taking this vaccine would be very dangerous for me. If vaccine passports are rolled out I am certain I could get an exemption. But I have already informed my loved ones that if you need a vaccine passport to travel, go to events, go to stores, I will not participate. This is a matter of principle for me. The idea of any kind of discrimination based on vaccine status is immoral. I will sooner starve than cooperate.

The rest of the world looks to America as a beacon of freedom, of what government should be. You, the Ohio Legislature, have the opportunity, and don't think this is hyperbole, to have a hand in saving the world from a medical dictatorship, from vaccine apartheid. The world will follow our example. No one will be 100% safe from the tyranny if proof of vaccination is allowed to become a requirement to work or go to school, to travel or to shop, to live normal life, the *old* normal. I don't even think our governor has really thought through what kind of dystopia his grandchildren will be living in if these passports become a reality, a world of constant forced vaccinations, censorship, and isolation. This isn't speculation anymore. Other countries around the world – Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Canada, The United Kingdom - have already become a police state using this virus as an excuse.

Discrimination based on vaccine status is the real "monster out there". Please kill this monster now. Please pass House Bill 248. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my testimony.

Sincerely,

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