Written Testimony of Ashley Matty Supports Sub HB 248 House Health Committee May 25, 2021

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

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony regarding Sub HB 248.

I am a PROPONENT of Sub HB 248. This bill is a critically important step in protecting our right to medical freedom and bodily autonomy. We have to ensure that where there is risk, there is choice. We have to ensure that all Ohioans maintain the freedom to participate in society without being coerced into receiving a liability free medical product. We have to ensure that Ohioans maintain their right to medical privacy and bodily autonomy without losing access to public accommodations, employment opportunities, and medical care. Pharmaceutical product consumption or lack thereof is an individual's private decision. It is not the business of their neighbor, their employer, their school, or the state.

Please vote YES on Sub HB 248. Vaccination is a personal health choice. Ohioans must be free to make an informed choice that is free of coercion. True informed consent includes the right to either accept or refuse a treatment after you have been given information on both the potential benefits and risks.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on this very important bill.

Sincerely,

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