## **IN SUPPORT OF HB 248**

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 Bernard Nypaver and I am a professional Firefighter, and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe in the Constitution of the United States of America. Discrimination against U.S. citizens based on their health care choices is a violation of the constitution and antithetical to freedom and liberty in the United States of America. Our personal health care decisions and information is suppose to be private and I believe that so called, "vaccine passports" would also be a violation of the HIPPA Act. Therefore, this bill is urgent and necessary to ensure all Ohioans freedom and liberty. It would also protect us from Discrimination in both public and private sectors.

Consider this one example, if one needed to show proof of vaccination status to enter a grocery store to purchase food for yourself and family and could NOT enter solely because you chose not to get a Covid 19 vaccine, I think we ALL could agree that would be criminal, un-American and blatant discrimination! You would effectively be second class citizens, separated and unequal from others based on your personal health choices and exercising your God given rights and freedom.

Furthermore, in my personal experience, all my co-workers, friends and family who did knowingly or asymptomatically contract Covid recovered. Even the CDC states that approximately 99.6% of people who contract Covid recover fully! And approximately 80% of Covid positive cases are asymptomatic.

In addition, I believe, as do many doctors, who follow the science, that antibodies acquired through the natural infection process provide more than adequate protection against re-infection and transmission of Covid 19. These people have absolutely no need to be artificially vaccinated with an experimental vaccine with only a very short history in which to look for adverse reactions and or deaths arising from this particular vaccine. According to the VAERS, there are potentially thousands of deaths just this year that may be attributed to the Covid 19 vaccine.

Lastly, our great country was founded on the principles of belief in God, liberty and E pluribus unum; our rights are inalienable and endowed by our creator. This bill is an affirmation of our rights, our individuality and our freedom as citizens of the greatest country on God's green earth, The United States of America.

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

Sincerely,

Bernard Nypaver May 19, 2021

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