Representatives of Ohio,

My name is Alyssa and I work in two hospitals in Cleveland, OH. I urge you to consider passing this bill, HB #248. The people of Ohio are becoming frustrated with how federal and state government have encroached on our freedom from discrimination as citizens. Specifically, our medical freedom has been attacked by being forced to wear face coverings via mandates, not laws which have gone through the proper process such as this bill, yet enforced as if they were law. The next step in this agenda is to force citizens to be vaccinated with experimental substances. We must retain our rights to our own person. This bill will protect those who do not believe in the efficacy of these vaccines and refuse to receive them. Furthermore, it will protect those from being possibly fired from a job they may have been at for years. Working in two hospitals, I have seen how different systems have reacted to this pandemic. There is also no law against requiring testing to enter one's workplace. Starting July 1st, Metrohealth (Cleveland) will be forcing all employees to be tested (regardless of the presence of symptoms) before entering the hospital. Not only is this an infringement of our rights and technically DNA collection, but it will create staffing shortages even more so than there already is from Covid-19 virus itself, or side effects from the vaccines in question. False positives are more common than true ones and this will only lead to more issues and rebellion. Nurses and other caregivers have expressed their concerns to their managers and have received no comfort in feeling their voices have been heard. Regardless of backlash, and as other states begin to reduce mandates, we continue to enforce these mandates and initiating this consistent collection of our DNA, it seems as if we are going in the wrong direction back to normalcy. Policies cannot trump established law. Please think of the nurses and doctors who care for us and do not agree with forcing vaccines, the little research supporting them, or the efficacy of the vaccines. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill #248.

A Concerned Healthcare worker,

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