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.

I have been a physician caring for patients over the last 13 years. One thing that is consistent are the patients who are healthiest have taken their health into their own hands. They have pulled away from western medicine only to rely on it for emergency care. The patients who are the most ill are on a laundry list of medications but are only getting sicker. Both had a choice in their health. I can tell you that I have guided at least 50 people through an infection with Sars-COV-2. I did not claim a cure for them, but simply gave them true **healthcare** advice. It was amazing how supporting one's body with the essentials for the immune system changed most in less than 24 hours. They had a choice though.

With the upcoming talk of mandating vaccines or impinging on freedoms if you opt out is a disgrace to what this country stands for. If the simple freedom of not being able to choose what you do or do not take is taken away, then where does it end? How can you mandate or coerce anyone to take something that is not safe? The reality is you, nor the "experts" have no idea who will be negatively affected by a vaccine, or when. Why does the vaccine maker, who has been guilty of fraud, get an exemption on legal action if someone is hurt by their product? If it is so safe, why the blanket immunity? Can you not see the problem with this? This is not a pro vs anti-vaccine argument; this is simply protecting ones right to decide what medical procedures they want and do not want. With any amount of risk there should always be a choice.

You cannot throw all of us in one basket saying it is for the greater good. We all get to make choices on where we put out health as a priority. Unfortunately, people make poor health choices all the time. It is their choice. I am not implying they be punished for that, but what I am saying is those who trust their GOD given immune system should be allowed to do just that. I am tired of the government trying to lump us all into one size fits all.

If this bill does not pass, then what is next? The government or the private sector gets to call the shots on what we must get just to just to work, travel, go into a store, and/or go to a park? I am just floored that this has even come this far. If this were truly about health, then we would be looking at our food industry. We would be looking at how the rates of chronic disease continue to climb every decade despite "science" at the wheel. Why do we have so many chronically ill children? Why are so many on psychiatric medication? Why are so many taking their lives? Why is obesity through the roof? Why do we have so many type 2 diabetics? Where is the true healthcare? Are we just going to throw a new vaccine or pharmaceutical product at us every time something comes up? Will it be required when we get asked for our papers?

There is no push that I see for this vaccine passport other than from those who profit from it. The people I speak to whether they got the shot or not, are not calling for this. Some of them who got the COVID shot, do not get the flu shot. Some of them pass on the Shingles shot. Others get the flu shot, but do not want the COVID shot. Can you see we all are different?? We all want a choice to do what we feel is right for our bodies. I kindly ask that our freedom of choice be protected.

Please pass HB 248 and do what is right for the residents of the State of Ohio. Thank you.

Yours in Good Health,

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