## HB248 testimony written only

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Chairman Lipp's, 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 Kelly Schuster and I am a Physical Therapist Assistant, I have a son who will be a sophomore in college, twin daughters who will be seniors in high school and my husband is in sales but has not traveled since start of Covid. I am NOT a anti-vaxxer and my children have been vaccinated with proven save vaccines.

My family is excited to return to normal life again but because we have made the educated choice to not get the experimental vaccine it seems as if that will not be happening for us. Instead, we are beginning to experience what I would consider tyranny right here in America. We are starting to see segregation of vaccinated versus unvaccinated people. There is a growing stigma around people who have decided not to get the experimental vaccine. We have been made to feel as if we are "super spreaders", we are uneducated and we don't care about other peoples health. The narrative has become that you need to get the vaccine to save others and if you don't you won't get your freedom back.

We are told to follow the science and that is exactly what I have been doing. I have immersed myself into learning as much as I can about these experimental vaccines. I have to do this because I am a mother and it is my job, not the governments to decide what is best for my family. Statistically my children have 0% chance of dying from this virus and promoting experimental vaccines without long-term studies breaks the rules of medicine.

The passage of HB 248 in my opinion is necessary to prevent that ever growing overreach of government in our lives. Our freedoms are being eroded quicker now more than ever with this push to be vaccinated in order to be afforded the same basic rights as others. No public or private entity should put any Ohioan in the position of having to choose between their livelihood, or access to goods and services and whether or not to get a vaccine. In the name of fairness, Constitutional rights and the American way, PLEASE VOTE YES ON HB248! Thank you,

Kelly Schuster

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