Proponent testimony

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 Erik Sigetic, and I am concerned father, and one of the reasons I support House Bill 248 is because discrimination has no place in Ohio. I believe that medical discrimination has been rampant the past 14+ months and I would like to see protection for individuals who cannot or chose not to vaccinate.

I have served this great country in the Army. I have served three tours overseas and have willingly sacrificed for our freedom. Integrity and honor are two charter qualities that are extremely important to me. We need to honor all Americans and not just the ones who chose to take a shot. I know we can do better for our children and grandchildren. We simply cannot create a group of second-class citizens based on vaccination status. Medical choice is an essential American right, just as freedom of religion is.

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

Sincerely,

**Erik Sigetic**