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<u>Proponent Testimony – HB 248</u>

Chair Lipps, and Members of The Ohio House Health Committee.

I support House Bill 248. This is a good common-sense freedom bill that protects Ohioans from vaccine mandates, employer vaccine mandates, school vaccine mandates, vaccine passports and prevents the Government from using the private sector to carry out and do its bidding.

The dewine administration has taken upon itself to use private businesses to push and enforce its will. This is UNACCEPTABLE and UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Ohioan's liberties and personal freedoms have been trampled upon since March 2020. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Right now some businesses are mandating that their employees get the covid shot. An experimental emergency use vaccine. This is unacceptable. If a person would like to get a vaccine then they should be able to do so and likewise if a person chooses to not get a vaccine then they should also be able to do so without any blow back from their employer or society. HB-248 ENSURES THAT!

Fact: If a person gets the vaccine they can still get covid and still transmit covid.

Fact: If a person gets a vaccine "vaccine shedding" occurs and can affect those who cannot get the vaccine. This is why cancer wards tell people if you've been recently vaccinated, please do not enter.

Fact: Vaccine mandates & vaccine passports are UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Fact: I am responsible for my health period. I am not responsible for any other individual's health. The brain washing narrative pushed by the dewine admin. is one of "we are all in this together" and "I wear a mask and get vaccinated to protect others" is complete and utter nonsense!

Our rights and freedoms don't end or get put on hold because of a virus.

I support HB-248. I urge its immediate passage and implementation. It's a very much needed common sense bill that will preserve the needed protections and freedoms that Ohioans deserve. No forced vaccinations, no vaccine passports and no employer forced vaccinations and prevents the government from using the private sector to do its bidding.

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