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 Jane Weyrich and I am a retired flight attendant and currently own a small online sales business. I support House Bill 248 is because I want to protect Ohioans rights to medical privacy and guarantee their rights to work, conduct business, and live life without discrimination.

Up until now, I did not consider the ramifications of mandatory vaccination. Since the pandemic began, thanks to Operation Warp Speed, we have new technology that is revolutionary. Last year when it was announced, I thought it was a great thing. It did not concern me that these drugs were experimental or that the pharmaceutical companies would not assume any liability for vaccine injuries. I believed that there would be transparency, full disclosure, and no pressure.

My husband and I did not hide during the pandemic. We traveled, ate out and lived life the best we could. My husband is a home health therapist. He treated Covid and suspected Covid patients at times. I sourced for my business at estate sales and auctions. We maintained relationships with family and even hugged loved ones. We were careful, but we could not live in fear.

When the vaccines were released, we took a wait and see attitude. I have an autoimmune disorder and am allergic to certain antibiotics. My elderly parents who live in another state were eligible right away. They received the Pfizer shots in late January and February.

My dad had flulike symptoms for five days. Two weeks later, he spent three nights in the hospital after going to the emergency room with a low grade fever, coughing, and being very short of breath. He has since recovered.

My mother seemed to tolerate her shots well. Then, 2 ½ weeks after her second shot, she broke her hip. After a partial hip replacement, she moved to a nursing home for rehab. A couple of weeks after she fell ill and was taken to a hospital where she was diagnosed with a double brain bleed.

I traveled to be with her for surgery. I met with her neurosurgeon prior to surgery. He explained that her case was unusual as she had bleeds on both temporal lobes on the upper part of her brain. He believed it started weeks or even months and bled slowly. Her use of blood thinners put her at higher risk, but there were possibly other factors

that would remain unknown. I asked him if the bleeds were the result of her fall. He said no; the types of bleeds that she had were inconsistent with a fall.

I do not claim that the shots exclusively caused her bleeds. It cannot be medically ruled out that they were a contributing factor. Based upon my personal experience and research I have safety concerns about these vaccines and their possible side effects and impact on the health of my elderly parents.

These vaccines do not completely prevent transmission. They are supposed to protect the recipient from serious disease. A disease that is 99.5% survivable. When we take this vaccine, we are only protecting ourselves and not others. In the push to vaccinate every single person, we still do not know what the long term side effects will be. Based upon my research, the spike protein in the vaccine increases risks of neurological disorders including Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, encephalitis, Mad Cow disease, autoimmune disorders, and clotting and bleeding disorders. For additional information I refer you to the website "The Fleming Method" created by Dr. Richard Fleming, a nuclear cardiologist who was the first to link inflammation to heart disease in 1994.

Dr. Luc Montagnier who discovered the HIV virus and Dr. Gert Van de Bossche, a vaccine expert who has worked for Novartis and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, are concerned that the vaccines are "leaky". They believe that this could result in vaccine resistant strains that will result in more sickness and death. They are against a mass vaccination strategy.

We do not hear these voices because they are being suppressed. Mainstream media will not report. Big tech bans. Doctors and scientists that agree stay quiet. Many work for or are affiliated with large corporations and they know there will be consequences if they speak out.

There should be no mandatory vaccines or vaccine passports. It should be a private decision. Each person has a unique set of beliefs, health issues, and life experiences.

If one becomes ill after the first shot or simply changes their mind, they should not feel obligated to take the second. After the second shot, they should be able to opt out of the upcoming booster, the annual shots and whatever else is added to the passport "for our own good" and "for public health".

As I am against mandatory vaccines, I am also against any verification system including a digital ID known as the vaccine passport. Once fully implemented, it would operate similarly to China's social credit system. In the beginning it will only be implemented at

large venues such as ballparks. Eventually more and more businesses will be pressured to use the system. We will have to check in everywhere we go and if we do not meet the proper criteria we will be denied entry.

In the UK, they are already pressing ahead. It is only supposed to be used for international travel, but there are already plans to expand use domestically by the end of the year.. Brits who are signing up are discovering that the health questions cover much more than vaccination status.

In other countries these systems will be administered by the government. Our laws prevent that so instead it will be administered by the private sector. Big tech, banks, healthcare companies and more can partner to datamine, monitor, advertise, and basically control every aspect of our lives. Think of the possibilities! That is why it is so vital for the Ohio Legislature to lead by stopping mandatory vaccines and verification systems dead in its tracks. It is also why you will face intense pressure from big business to do nothing. Please do not fold. It will take courage to pass HB 248. We are all counting on you.

A quick aside, Representative Liston asked a question about immunocompromised individuals. In a healthcare setting, that would be known and precautions would be taken. One can request vaccinated healthcare givers if that is a priority to them. In a non healthcare setting, they can take all the same precautions they took pre Covid to protect themselves from all communicable diseases for which they may be at risk.

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