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 Andrew Barnes. I am a Husband, Father, and a successful sales executive. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because our nation's founding documents codify inalienable rights endowed to us by our Creator. In a free nation, a government of, by and for the people cannot prevent a citizen from making a living, supporting their family, or just pursuing life in general, because they refuse to inject a chemical into his or her body. No one knows the certain short- or long-term effects of this vaccine, and the Covid-19 virus has 99+% survivability. A citizen of the USA is free, and must remain so, to incur whatever risks he or she chooses to pursue life, liberty and happiness. True science says that those without illness, or symptoms of illness, are NO THREAT to their fellow citizens. The Covid vaccine is only approved for emergency use, and we do NOT have an emergency in Ohio.

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

Sincerely,

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