Proponent Testimony for HB 248 8/12/21

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 Dr. Danielle Fredette and I am an engineering professor. I support House Bill 248 because my students are being unethically pressured and discriminated against by their employers regarding an experimental medical procedure (the COVID vaccines). I recently read the Nuremburg Code for a professional ethics class I was teaching. I was floored as I recognized how unethical the COVID vaccine messaging is, with no attempt at facilitating informed consent. As a parent who also happens to be sufficiently educated to read technical literature, I have also recognized how the official child vaccine program suffers, to a lesser degree, from the same ethical problems. Pressure, threats, withholding of information, avoiding discussion of alternatives, these are forbidden by the Nuremburg Code, but are apparently considered "worth it" by the increasingly centralized and money-driven medical industry in order to push its one-size-fits-all vaccine program. The COVID situation has exposed the sometimes-unethical practices surrounding vaccine choice that have been allowed to grow in relative darkness over the past several decades.

I believe HB 248 is Ohio's most urgently needed law. We are all imminently facing an unethical and uncharted situation where some of us are unlawfully forced to reveal private medical information such as vaccination status, submit to be part of an experimental trial (take the COVID vaccine) or suffer discrimination as a result of deciding to hold off on the COVID vaccine (you can't work here, can't sit with people at lunch, have to wear a mask, have to be tested and quarantined constantly, can't attend a ball game, etc.). People like me and my students are not at significant risk from the COVID-19 disease and should not be forced or pressured to accept an experimental treatment for this or any other disease. Many of my students have already recovered from COVID, but their natural immunity, increasingly revealed by the latest studies ¹ to be long lasting and robust, is ignored. This is unscientific and unethical.

¹ Cohen, Kristen W., et al. "Longitudinal analysis shows durable and broad immune memory after SARS-CoV-2 infection with persisting antibody responses and memory B and T cells." *Medrxiv* (2021).

I do not understand why we did not have a law like HB 248 sooner. Our state stands opposed to other types of discrimination, but for some reason wants to force us to accept medical

products...why? To line the pockets of powerful medical companies?

Today you have a choice. Will you stand with the people you represent, for our freedom of

bodily autonomy and our right to choose, or will you sacrifice us (and, potentially, your re-

election) in favor of medical bureaucrats with the arrogance to think they have the right to

unilaterally choose what is best for every person in the state?

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

248. Please vote yes.

Sincerely,

Dr. Danielle Fredette