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 Daniel Staresinic. I am a 40-year Ohio resident, Catholic, husband, father, grandfather and concerned and responsible citizen. I am a Chemical Engineer by degree and work today in executive management for a large firm, from my office in Ohio.

I support House Bill 248 because I believe that citizens must now depend upon our states (and counties and local communities) to protect us from unrestrained federal encroachment on our Constitutional liberties.

My recent research, observation and evaluation has led me to conclude that:

- The experimental COVID vaccines are not preventing COVID transmission, are producing alarming rates of adverse events, and are unproven as generally safe in any long-term human studies.
- These same vaccines have each employed the use of aborted fetal cell lines in their development and/or production process, violating a core tenet of the Catholic faith and the faith of many other Christians and non-Christians.
- The best available scientific evidence indicates that masks do not work to prevent the spread of respiratory viral infection and are likely to be counterproductive in that regard.

Despite this, there is a growing effort among government(s), businesses, the media, "influencers" and a highly vocal portion of the medical community to further conform the citizenry to vaccination and mask-wearing, among other violations of Constitutionally-guaranteed-liberties.

The net result is that citizens who wish to simply enjoy their Constitutional rights are subjected to divisive accusations, coordinated harassment, many forms of coercion and threats of soon being prevented from completing ordinary life-sustaining activities like working, shopping, recreating, etc.

This is plainly illegal coercion to take an experimental drug, coupled with medical discrimination for those who decline to do so. This should never have been allowed to proceed to a point where a bill like HB 248 became necessary to guarantee the peoples' protection. Which clearly underscores the core reason why we, the people of Ohio, need HB 248.

I would further suggest that even those who are currently, even aggressively, lined up against those who today want protection will one day be grateful to enjoy that same protection for themselves or their loved ones.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel Staresinic Mason, OH 8/17/21