Dear Chairman and Members of the Ohio House Health Committee:

I am an educated professional, wife, and mother. After listening to both proponent and opponent testimonies on Ohio HB248, there is no question in my mind, nor should there be in yours, that this is not a question of the efficacy of any medical procedure. This is undoubtedly a question of freedom.

Medical technology is continually being introduced, and very often the long-term effects are unknown. No matter how many times "safe and effective" is repeated, it is not necessarily true. Even if "safe and effective," an individual must be free to decline without losing a job or the ability to buy goods and services, get an education, be forced to wear a face mask, or be invasively tested.

"Free" citizens of Ohio, including those in our family, are currently being coerced (compelled by force, intimidation, or authority, especially without regard for individual desire or volition; dominated or controlled, especially by exploiting fear, anxiety etc.) to have a medical procedure, the Covid inoculation. We need Ohio HB248 passed immediately, to take effect immediately, with no revisions, so that we are free from discrimination in society now and for future medical dictates.

If we cannot be free to make informed, voluntary decisions about which pharmaceutical products for which we are willing to risk our lives, then we are not free in any sense of the word. If the State can tag, track down, and force individuals against their will to be injected with biological products of unknown toxicity today, then there will be no limit on individual freedoms the State can take away in the name of the greater good tomorrow.

Here are two resources to copy and paste. Perhaps think of the first one as a game. Games can be both educational and fun, but this one is not fun, maybe educational. It is nothing but factual and shows the futility of lockdowns and masks. There are similar graphs regarding the outcome of shots. Sadly, some of those statistics are in the second resource: Covidchartsquiz.com and Openvaers.com.

"Liberty has overcome every crisis in the past, and if given a chance it would overcome this one, too." (American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, 7/27/21)

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