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 Kathy Lekic and I am a, former data analytics, professional and the blessed mother of three adopted children, one of who is severely autistic and was born with a bi-lateral cleft lip and palate. I do not know the full medical history or genetics of our children and so I am highly concerned that we are being encouraged to inject ourselves and our young children with an experimental drug, such as the Covid-19 injection. I did not bring my children home from second and third world countries in order to give them up to experimentation in the freest land in the world.

We have not lived in fear of Covid-19 and have remained healthy throughout this destructive shut down of our society because we are committed to a healthy lifestyle. We eat organic, take supplements, work with health professionals we respect and exercise. Now private businesses are caving to government pressures and discriminating against those who have not been "vaccinated".

No one will be responsible for taking care of my family if an injury occurs, especially not the government or a pharmaceutical company. Will the businesses demanding a "vaccination" or the government pushing or enforcing it cover our future bills if an injury or even death occurs? Will our health insurance pay to cover side effects resulting from the injection of experimental drugs?

We choose not to be a part of the experiment and know that we will face serious discrimination in the near future. Especially with the rhetoric and inflammatory remarks Governor DeWine has been pushing towards those who are not "vaccinated".

Not being afforded the choice to decide what goes into our bodies is tyrannical and inhuman. Yet, we are considered selfish and failing to support "the good of all" if we do not sacrifice ourselves and our children for the sake of others. When utilizing logic and critical thinking, this argument clearly lacks any sense.

We have all been walking amongst unvaccinated or minimally vaccinated people for our entire lives and yet we do not see outbreaks. Poor living conditions and lack of sanitation are the main contributors to disease. Our leaders should be more concerned with gain of function research and the homeless population in states like California, Washington, and Oregon bringing back contagious diseases rather than with non-vaccinated people living in proper conditions and taking responsibility for their own health.

I implore you to not succumb to the pressures of the Governor, media and the pharmaceutical industry who themselves have a large hand in training our medical professionals. Please protect the liberty of all Ohioans by voting YES on HB248.

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