

Chairman Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide support testimony for HB 319; “The Conscientious Right to Refuse Act.”

It is extremely important that Ohio citizens retain their right to decline any vaccine or drug without facing any sort of discrimination. Let me tell you why.

- I have a child that has had adverse reactions to both antibiotics and the flu vaccine. I do not want her or anyone to have to experience an adverse reaction to a pharmaceutical product that they do not want to take. It is scary to see your child have an adverse reaction to a pharmaceutical product. I would like to retain the right to say no to putting something in my body or in my kid’s body.
- My father died from a brain bleed caused by an FDA approved drug that was prescribed by his doctor. This drug is called Xarelto. At the time the doctor prescribed this drug to my dad, a class action lawsuit had already been filed against the makers of it because of how many people it had killed. We didn’t know about any of this. We trusted our doctor and the FDA. That trust has been forever broken. When we took my dad to the ER just before he passed, the ER doctor knew immediately what was happening and told us that day to file the paperwork to join in on the class action lawsuit. I believe the amount paid out by the pharmaceutical companies for this class action lawsuit was around \$775 million. And I feel that I should repeat, this class action lawsuit had already been filed when the doctor prescribed this drug to my dad. It is mind-blowing to me that this doctor would do this. As a result of this, I spent a lot of time researching the sordid history of pharmaceutical companies and the FDA. I have no faith in either that they are solely looking out for the safety of Americans. I also have no faith in our doctors having extensive knowledge as to what they are prescribing. It’s all a big money grab to them. So, you can imagine my hesitancy to run out and get any new pharmaceutical product that makes it on the market. No thank you. I’ll pass.

Please, allow me and my family the right to continue to pass on any pharmaceutical products that we don’t want to take part in without facing any sort of discrimination. Please vote yes on HB 319.

Thank you.

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