

HB 319 Testimony

Chairman Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, and Members of the House Health Provider Services Committee, thank you for hearing my supporting testimony for HB 319, **Enact Conscientious Right to Refuse Act**.

I am the President of [Cleveland Right to Life](https://ohiolife.org). I am here testifying for several reasons.

The first reason is because many vaccines, either use aborted fetal cell lines in their production OR in their testing. Using the COVID vaccine as an example, please refer to this Ohio Right to Life web page https://ohiolife.org/issues/vaccines_abortion_fetal_tissue/. As you can see from the chart on the [Charlotte Lozier Institute](https://www.charlotte-lozierinstitute.com) site, almost all of the COVID vaccines used aborted fetal cell lines in their testing. Clearly, this is not acceptable from a pro-life perspective.

 Analysis of COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates <small>Includes vaccine candidates that received "Operation Warp Speed" funding or have been submitted to the FDA for emergency use approval</small>			
Sponsor(s)	Status	Development/ Production of Vaccine	Lab Testing
	Emergency Use FDA Application Approved		
	Emergency Use FDA Application Approved		
	Phase 3 Trials		
	Emergency Use FDA Application Approved		
	Phase 3 Trials		
	Phase 3 Trials		
	Phase 2/3 Trials		
	Development Discontinued		

Key	
 Does not use abortion-derived cell line	 DOES USE abortion-derived cell line
 SOME tests DO NOT use abortion-derived cells, SOME DO	 Currently undetermined

Again, quoting from the Ohio Right to Life website, “The moral perspective of those opposed to the use of these vaccines is equally justifiable. If these vaccines were merely tested on patients without their consent, similar to the Tuskegee syphilis experiments, there would be widespread outrage and those responsible for the violation of patients’ rights would face serious consequences. Yet the researchers in this case not only failed to receive consent from the research subjects, but purposefully took their lives.”

Life is precious, and vaccines, no matter how well intentioned can cause harm or even death. Not allowing for conscientious or religious objection allows an employer or business owner to make the decision to put a life at risk that is NOT their own. We do not support women subjecting their unborn

baby to harm or death, and we don't support employers being allowed to jeopardize an employee's life either.

The second reason I'm here relates to my work experience. Prior to my recent retirement I worked for a large chemical company located in Beachwood, Ohio that is headquartered in Germany. During COVID, our management implemented most of the typical COVID actions; masking, 6' apart, temperature checks when entering the building, etc. In 2021, they were considering implementing mandatory vaccines, but before doing that, they issued a mandatory survey to all employees. They asked 3 questions.

- 1) Have you been vaccinated?
- 2) If you haven't been vaccinated, will you do so before October of that year?
- 3) Do you refuse to ever get the COVID vaccine?

I answered that survey, but what was interesting was that 2/3 of our employees refused to take this MANDATORY survey. That prompted me to write an email to our President. He was a good man trying to do the right thing and I knew he didn't want to force this on people, but I also knew he was getting pressure from his German management. I encouraged him to just "drag his feet". If he pushed this, we would surely lose a lot of good people. I also shared some facts and data about the vaccine, such as the fact that at that point, according to VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System), more people had been injured by the COVID shots than the sum of ALL vaccine injuries in the past 30 years. (And that doesn't take into account that a [Harvard Medical School study](#) estimated that only 1% of vaccine injuries get reported to VAERS).

If this bill had existed, I wouldn't have had to give our upper management the **pitiful** advice to "just drag their feet". It would have been much more helpful to be able to say to him, "forcing us to get an unwanted (and unnecessary) potentially deadly shot **is against the law**". Being able to say that would have helped the individual employees and frankly, would have helped this good man who found himself between a rock and a hard place.

I have heard that one of the objections to this bill is that it would take away the right of a business owner to enforce their business policies. The Ohio Chamber of Commerce may disagree, but businesses are made up of individuals. While a business owner is also an individual, nothing in our constitution gives said individual the right to force a medical intervention on an employee even if the business owner has what they may consider to be a religious belief in vaccines. A business owner has no more right to do this than to force an employee to convert to the business owner's religion.

It is time to protect Ohioans from discrimination based on their God-given right of conscience to protect their own "life". Cleveland Right to Life asks the committee members to stand up for the rights of the born and pass HB 319 out of this committee so it can be brought to a vote on the House floor. Thank you.