

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 to me that I retain my God given right to do what I want with my body (my body, my choice) and to be able to chose what I want or do not want to put into it both now and in the future.

I was discriminated in 2021 in which I was unjustly terminated from the company I worked at for 33 years. I requested a religious exemption as so did many others. I was denied and there was no "interactive discussion" as stated clearly in the Civil Rights Law. The company I worked for was so coercive that it was very difficult to work there during the time that I was waiting for the results of the religious exemption request. I was not able to discuss this with my co-workers, nor see them to say a proper good-bye. I felt cheated when leaving the company. It still bothers me to this very day. Many others were discriminated the same way I was.

My brother-in-law and a good friend of ours both took the mRNA shots for Covid. Once they took the third shot, they both got a very aggressive type of cancer that took them down (died) within 10 days after they took it. They were both full of blood clots. I have friends that are dealing with multiple illnesses and issues and state that they "don't know what is going on". People I know are getting sick in the summer months with upper respiratory infections, pneumonia, etc. something you never see in summer. These friends were coerced into taking the experimental shot to keep their jobs, something they should never have to do.

Ohioans (and all people) should have their right of conscience and religion protected from the medical over-reach of employers or those providing public services. Both the U.S. and Ohio State constitutions address the right of conscios and religious freedom. It is time to take make sure that those freedoms are protected at the state level. I urge the committee members to please vote yes on HB 319.

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