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Testimony Outline: Chairman Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, and Members of the House Health Provider Services Committee, thank you for hearing my support testimony for HB 319, "The Conscientious Right to Refuse Act"

Article 1 Section 7 of the Ohio Constitution protects religious freedom in the State of Ohio. This section of our state constitution extends religious protections substantially further than the United States Constitution by including a right of conscience. The courts of Ohio have interpreted the right of conscience to extend protection beyond laws that prohibit the free exercise of religion to also include laws that may even interfere with said right. The test under Ohio law according to the Supreme Court is whether a law "tangentially affects religion."

This broad interpretation of the right to religious freedom in Ohio has been further interpreted to mean that a state law interfering with religion must serve a compelling state interest and be the least restrictive means of furthering that interest (strict scrutiny). The court has also found that the protection applies to direct and indirect encroachments upon religious freedom.

Despite this broad interpretation of Article 1 Section 7 there are limits in Ohio. For example, to challenge a law in Ohio on the basis of interfering with religion, a litigant must establish that his religious beliefs are firmly held and that the governmental enactment had a coercive affect against him in the practice of his religion. Further, the courts have been consistent in stating that there is no general right of conscience unconnected to religious beliefs. Conscience - in Ohio - must be related to the "natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God" rather than a secular ideal.

This leads to the murkiest area of Ohio law pertaining to religious freedom - the line between what constitutes the "natural and indefensible right to worship God" and a secular ideal.

There is a massive push nationally to redefine the word "vaccine" to include mRNA gene therapies. This began with the COVID jabs and has expanded to other "vaccines" soon to include the upcoming bird flu vaccine. The upcoming bird flu vaccines are reported to be based on saRNA technology which means self amplifying RNA. This saRNA tech essentially places laboratory created genetic material into cells that will "self amplify" meaning that, once in your cells, it will create more of itself.

Regardless of how you feel about the COVID vaccines, the reality is that the insertion of genetic material into a person is a literal and intentional modification of an individual's genetic makeup



for the duration of that material's existence. This leads to a very legitimate question about a firmly held belief many people of faith hold - namely - if man is made in God's image and we are modifying, temporarily or permanently, man's genetic makeup, would that constitute interference with the "natural and indefensible right to worship Almighty God?" Importantly here, HB 319 would provide clarity on that question.

More generally and outside the realm of religious freedom, it is important to recognize that HB 319 simply recognizes that a person should not be discriminated against for their medical choices related to vaccines, vaccine related products, gene therapies, or other drugs. This seems extremely sensible in light of the epic failure that was the COVID vaccines. We now know these experimental jabs were never tested to determine whether they prevented transmission of COVID and were expected to have a number of side effects that were not disclosed to the public in the informed consent material.

In blunt terms, Fauci and many others have now been caught on record lying repeatedly about the COVID interventions and alleged vaccines. Deborah Birx literally stated that her job was to lie to the president. Trust is broken and this law allows Ohioans to opt out of the next lie the bureaucrats in our federal government promote without having to make the choice between myocarditis and likely cancer causing poisons that are so inherently unsafe that the government had to provide numerous layers of immunity to their manufacturers to convince them to continue making them or losing their jobs. As an aside - I can provide the FDA Industry Guidance document that recognizes the potential for cancer as a delayed adverse effect of gene therapies like these mRNA products.

HB 319 is a check against corruption and a mechanism to allow people to make their own choices. Fauci lied about masks, he lied about social distancing, he misled on the vaccines and broke trust. I've asked repeatedly, when do you trust a liar. My answer is I don't and Ohioans should not be discriminated against for exercising this common sense approach to evaluating their personal health choices. At this point the demonstrable lies make it clear that no argument about the efficacy or safety of any vaccines is of any value at this point.

As this body considers HB 319 I would suggest that you tell the lobbyists to go home and look at X - which thanks to Elon Musk now allows public discourse. Public opinion has turned and the people no longer trust big pharma regardless of how much lobbying money they spend. The people of Ohio remain furious about the lockdowns and the attempts to coerce them into taking experimental gene therapy jabs that have resulted in us now needing defibrillators at children's soccer games. The real question before each of you is whether you stand with the known liars



from big pharma and people like Anthony Fauci or for the citizens of Ohio and freedom - including religious freedom. I urge the committee to vote YES on HB 319.

Sincerely yours,

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