

My name is Katherine Rice and I live in Oberlin Ohio. I am writing to ask Representative Joseph A. Miller, III to support HB 319. HB 319 prohibits discrimination for refusing medical interventions, including vaccines. Citizens must always have the fundamental and unalienable rights to bodily autonomy and informed consent. It is essential that everyone possesses the autonomy to decline or retract consent at any stage of their health journey without encountering undue pressure or coercion. I have worked in healthcare for over 10 years and understand how vital medical autonomy can be for a person and their families. Citizens must always have the fundamental and unalienable rights to bodily autonomy and informed consent. It is essential that everyone possesses the autonomy to decline or retract consent at any stage of their health journey without encountering undue pressure or coercion. For example, we saw too many people lose their jobs for refusing a Covid shot even though there have been no long-term studies on the safety of these shots. Covid shots are an experimental substance that can cause serious side effects. As of 4/26/2024, 1,637,441 injuries and 37,061 deaths have been reported in connection with the Covid shots to the CDC's Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) -- and it is estimated that only 1-10 percent of adverse reactions are ever reported. And yet, the manufacturers are shielded from liability for any harm they cause. Vaccine mandates are justified by the idea of the "greater good" and protecting others. But no individual should be forced to take a medical treatment for someone else's benefit. Vaccines are medical procedures that carry the risk of serious injury. The U.S. Supreme Court recognizes vaccines to be "unavoidably unsafe" and to cause injury and death to some recipients. The U.S. Government has paid out \$4.9 billion to the victims of vaccine injury. <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/> Vaccines are medical procedures that carry the risk of serious injury. The U.S. Supreme Court recognizes vaccines to be "unavoidably unsafe" and to cause injury and death to some recipients. The U.S. Government has paid out \$4.9 billion to the victims of vaccine injury. <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/> Vaccines have no long-term studies on their safety, genotoxicity, carcinogenicity, or effect on reproduction. Vaccines have no long-term studies on their safety, genotoxicity, carcinogenicity, or effect on reproduction. I urge representative Joseph A. Miller, III to SUPPORT HB 319 to help move it as quickly as possible.