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Chairman Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide testimony for HB319; "The Conscientious Right to Refuse Act."

It is a great honor and a privilege for me to participate in this legislative process. As a mother and grandmother, it is my duty to work diligently to preserve and protect the right to bodily autonomy and health freedom. If we lose this right to choose what goes into our bodies and how we individually care for ourselves, then ALL freedom is lost, and we are an enslaved people. We are already enslaved by fear. We are being indoctrinated by nefarious influences as to what our "conscious" should be.

I have watched over the last three years as our health freedoms were slowly and swiftly removed and replaced by an increasing government overreach into areas of life it has no business extending its reach into. I have seen the government use business, hospitals, schools, colleges and universities to do their dirty work of pushing this enslavement, fear, and discrimination as a normal part of society. This is not the type of society I wish to live in or leave to my grandchildren.

It is important to me that I retain my right to refuse any vaccine or drug based on conscious, or my religion, since the public is purposely not fully informed as to what is actually in any vaccine or biologic itself. The FDA, under pressure from Big Pharma, has severally lowered, or removed, its requirements for safety testing and clinical trials. In some cases, the full list of ingredients are purposely left out of packaging inserts. Ingredients such as snake venom, formaldehyde, aluminum, polysorbate 80, aborted fetal tissue, pig virus, and so much more, are present in all the vaccines on the market today.

These substances are to ensure harm and to suppress the body's natural immunity. These are substances I do not want in my body!

It is important to me that Ohio retains the right to refuse any vaccine or drug based on conscious, or religion, for the sake of the health and safety of the multitude of Ohioans that are immune compromised who cannot take vaccines and certain pharmaceutical drug and biologics. You must ensure the right to refuse based on conscious is secured to protect their health, and in a way that does not subject them to discrimination, harassment, and hardship.

It is important to me that I retain my right to refuse any vaccine or drug based on conscious, or my religion, due to the fact that pandemics and disease are big business. The evidence of corruption and lust for greed is now apparent in the FDA, NIH, CDC, and WHO, especially with respect to vaccines.

Individuals and corporations continue to actively fund gain of function research to ensure future pandemics. For example, individuals such as Bill Gates have vaccines ready *before* the pathogen impacts society. These facts are blatant and can no longer be ignored. Therefore, it is up to the legislators of the State of Ohio to protect its citizens from harm in this way, by allowing freedom of choice and right to refuse based on conscious, without fear of discrimination, to be our standard of living.

I am not an anti- vaxer. I am not a conspiracy theorist. I have no issue with any vaccine, biologic or drug, nor do I have issue with those who wish to willing take such substances. The issue is that no one should ever ask my vaccine status, ever, for any reason. The issue is any vaccine, biologic, or drug, being made mandatory to participate in a free society and having my rights removed if I do not comply. The issue is securing my right to refuse based on my conscious. I have the right to choose for myself, without coercion, what I want to put into my body, especially if what is offered will change my DNA, pose side effects and risks including death, and potentially cause more health challenges later in my life. The issue is when we allow this one area of individual freedom of choice to be removed, it opens the door for more freedoms to be removed.

As a business owner with over 30 employees, I am proud to say that my husband and I upheld freedom and the right to choose during the pandemic. We did not require our employees to be vaccinated, nor did we ask vaccine status, or adjust job duties based on vaccine status. As a result, our employees were happy that they were not forced to choose between a job and a job. As a result, our employees demonstrated common sense and sound judgment when they were ill or felt they were becoming ill, by staying home, or taking more precautions at work. I am proud to say that we will continue to uphold health freedom in any future pandemics.

Others in my family were not as fortunate. I witnessed my brother-in-law and niece be denied exemption from vaccination based on religious and conscientious objection. My brother-in-law works at a catholic based hospital where honoring and recognizing the Divine is in its charter, and yet had to fight more than necessary to fend off mandatory vaccination. How can an instruction based on conscious deny based on conscious? In every other case of vaccination, he was allowed to take religious exemption, but not for Covid. Thank God this mandatory nonsense ended while he was still fighting for exemption, or he would be out of a job. This is the very stupidity we must protect against!

My niece was threatened with not being able to do her clinical rounds and take finals if she was not vaccinated. Her university and master's program would not accept her religious exemption. Due to this threat, she caved and got the vaccine, only to have the mandate lifted months later.

These types of threats and retribution cannot be allowed to continue should another pandemic arise. Therefore, we need to pass this bill to protect Ohioans.

In closing, Ohioans should have the right of conscience and religion protected from medical overreach of employers or those providing public services. The Ohio State Constitution addresses the right of conscious and religious freedom. It is time to make sure that those freedoms are protected. I urge the committee members to please vote yes on HB 319.