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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 support testimony for HB319; "The Conscientious Right to Refuse Act."

I am providing support testimony for HB319 for the reasons outlined below –

1. As Americans, we should never be coerced to take any action or receive any action against our wishes or conscious. I remember well the fear I faced when my company considered making the injection of the COVID-19 vaccination mandatory for continued employment. I had made my mind up that I would walk away from my employment before I would be blackmailed into retaining it. I believe strongly that, as Americans, we have lost too many of our men and women who have fought for our freedoms, to relinquish them so easily. I understood that, although I was not fighting on some foreign land, refusing the vaccine at the risk of my continued employment, was my way of fighting for my freedom and maybe that of others. And, rest assured, financially I was not able to just walk away from my employment without severe financial consequences.
2. As we get further away from the height of the COVID 19 pandemic, we are afforded the benefits of hindsight. We are finding that many recommendations; such as masking, 6 feet of separation, vaccine effectiveness, etc. were based on incomplete/inaccurate data at best, and political agendas at worst. All the while asking the citizenry to give up freedoms upon which men and women have given their lives to maintain. The blatant disregard for constitutionally protected freedoms for which our fellow citizens have bled and died, by politicians at both the state and federal level, is repugnant.

It is very important to me, my family and friends, that we retain our right to decline any vaccine or drug that violates our conscience or religion. We must be able to do so without facing discriminatory action, both now and in the future. As you know, both the U.S. and Ohio State constitutions address the right of conscious and religious freedom.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly urge the committee members to please vote "Yes" on HB 319.

Sincerely,

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