

Chairman Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, and Members of the House Health Provider Services Committee, thank you for hearing my support testimony for HB 319. I wish to start by asking the Lord to fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I may use the words that are most likely to affect action in everyone's soul.

I was a father, a husband, a home and business owner, a pharmacist, and a run of the mill healthy individual prior to being coerced in to receiving the COVID "Vaccine". If I wanted to attend my daughter's volleyball games, the "Vaccine" was required. From knowledge obtained during pharmacy school, I had very negative opinions about most of the COVID measures. Had I not been coerced, I would NEVER have taken the gene therapy product that has now altered every facet of my life.

My last "healthy" memories revolve around enjoying Christmas time with my family. The next memory I have is awakening in the ICU at the Ohio State University. I had been diagnosed as a tetraplegic which somehow is worse than a quadriplegic. Completely paralyzed and unable to speak or even close my mouth due to the ventilator. My communication was established thru a cat laser taped to a hat and an alphabet board. My family informed me that I had tested positive that Christmas for COVID. Surely that was impossible after having received a shot that was so "safe and effective" that it needed to be mandated, right? I was also shocked to find out they found COVID in my spinal fluid, but not in my blood.

At that time, a diagnosis of COVID or Long COVID meant the institutions were given federal kick backs and worse given complete immunity from any harm that arose from the expensive drugs and ventilators that were used to treat Covid. More money would be given to them if I were to die with the label of COVID. These kick backs led to an obvious deficiency of care since I was worth more dead than alive. As it was also nearly impossible to get family members in for any visits I developed a pressure wound which was allowed to fester until it reached my spine. I could have been easily preventable with frequent turning.

As soon as the ventilator was removed, I was given a tracheostomy and transferred out of the ICU, and out of the Ohio State University hospitals and into a nursing home. Eventually, one of my many neurologists diagnosed me with Guillan-barre. This is a neurological disorder that is noted as a possible "Vaccine" side effect for both the COVID and Flu shots, though no one would acknowledge that possibility. I was viewed as a lost cause, but my family begged them to treat me and luckily, I then began making positive steps thanks to amazing care. Therapists and nurses went above and beyond to help me there. I credit family support and the abundance of prayers for my rehabilitation. Although my progress is painfully slow, it is also undeniable.

My presentation of symptoms were consistent with a vaccine injury. Perhaps I am a victim of this "new" overreacting immune response upon exposure to the disease itself AFTER being vaccinated? Unfortunately, it is not likely I will ever get an answer, as that could lead to a decrease in the "confidence" in the "Vaccine" program.

My post Covid vaccine life does NOT include attending any shows, sporting events, meals, or any family events, and I currently have no personal relationships due to debilitating embarrassment of myself. While I believe that "Vaccines" have benefit, I am personally aware

that they can and do cause irreparable harm. It is imperative that protection of the right of conscience and religion regarding vaccination be established.

The right to life and liberty are two of the pillars of freedom. My liberty was violated when "Vaccine" status discrimination was used as a tool to force me into taking a medical intervention that almost cost me my life. If we do not have the right to decline a medical intervention with known risk of disability and death without facing discrimination or loss of employment, then we are no longer free citizens. I implore the committee to protect others from facing a future like mine and vote YES on HB 319.

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