

Basic Vaccination Law Under Threat at Ohio Statehouse.

HB 248 not only impacts exemptions for COVID vaccines, but **all vaccinations** by weakening Ohio law by:

- Authorizing an individual to decline **any** vaccination on the basis of medical contraindications, “natural immunity,” or reasons of conscience, including religious convictions.
- Prohibiting employers and businesses, among other entities in Ohio, from requiring **any** vaccination, including childhood immunizations
- this bill applies to **all** vaccinations, not just the COVID-19 vaccines.

The CMA has joined the umbrella coalition of healthcare, business and public health groups who are opposing this bill. [Click here to read this letter.](#)

Proponents of this bill are flooding the Statehouse with personal testimonials in support of individual liberty and attacking the concept of evidenced based public health. Opposition to this bill needs to come from both organizations and individuals.

You can help! Physicians and medical students are asked to consider sharing your personal perspectives on vaccination and the role of science in medicine. Legislators will benefit from hearing from hundreds of individuals on this issue. Click here for the [legislation](#), an [analysis of the legislation](#), and the [coalition letter](#) from the CMA, other healthcare, business and community organizations that are opposing HB 248.

Testimony can be as short as a paragraph or two, or as long as you would like. Click here for a [recent CMA testimony letter](#) to a different committee as an example, but your does not need to follow this particular form. It should be submitted by **NOON on Monday, June 7.**

Click here for the “[Witness Information Form](#)” needs accompany your testimony.

Send your personal testimony and the witness slip to the Ohio House Health Committee that is hearing this bill at the email address below. Your testimony will be circulated to all the Health Committee members.

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[Contact the CMA](#) if you have questions or would like to be more involved in this effort.