



Ohio Faculty Council

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To: The Honorable P. Scott Lipps
Chairman, Ohio House Health Committee

From: [Ohio Faculty Council](#)

Re: House Bill 248

Date: August 20, 2021

We, the elected faculty leaders at Ohio's 14 state-supported universities, uphold the value of science and basic public health principles. As such, we strongly oppose Ohio House Bill 248, also known as the "Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act."

We believe that educational, community and business leaders need to continue to have the right to require vaccinations, which have been shown demonstrably safe and effective, to maintain the safety of their communities. We express deep concern at the prohibition in House Bill 248 that would apply to all vaccines, and believe this puts the lives of all Ohioans at undue risk. To pass this bill is to invite a return of the polio, smallpox, and measles viruses to our communities, along with further outbreaks of COVID-19, and would undermine significant public health gains that our citizens have enjoyed for decades.