

**Strongsville GOP**  
**Position Statement on Ohio HB248**  
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As members of the Strongsville GOP,

We recognize that each person is a sovereign individual bestowed by his or her Creator with free will and the right to exercise that free will, including the freedom to make decisions relating to the treatment, health and wellness of his or her body, and;

We recognize that no individual, public agency or private business has the right to cause harm to the body of another person, including an unborn person, and;

We recognize that the purpose of government in a republic is to protect the God-given rights of the people, including a person's dominion over his or her body, and the right to defend his or her body against harm or intrusion, whether by an individual or by an organization, whether by a governmental body or a non-governmental body.

The passage into law of Ohio House Bill 248, the Vaccine Choice & Anti-Discrimination Act, as introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives on April 6, 2021 and referred to the House Health Committee on April 14, 2021, would ensure all of the following:

- The protection of the right of all Ohioans to choose whether or not to accept a vaccination or gene therapy injection - whether or not it is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - to be injected into their own bodies or into the body or bodies of their minor children;
- The protection of the right of all Ohioans to maintain the privacy of their health care history and records;
- The protection of the ability of Ohioans to freely move about and participate in society as they choose without the sanction or permission of "vaccine passports" or other medical "registries," whether used by government or private businesses;
- The protection of Ohioans from discrimination of any kind, by governmental agency or by private businesses, including a person's employer, based on a person's vaccine status, and the provision of legal recourse against government agencies and private businesses that discriminate against a person based on the person's vaccine status.
- The protection of Ohio businesses that honor individuals' vaccine choice and privacy from discrimination and targeting by any public agency or public official.

Therefore, the Strongsville GOP supports the passage of HB248 into law, and demands that Ohio legislators support and further the passage of HB248 by:

- Becoming a co-sponsor of the bill;
- Signing an active discharge petition to move HB248 out of the Health Committee - where it is being suppressed and thwarted - and onto the floor of the Ohio House of Representatives for a vote; and

- Voting affirmatively to pass HB248.

Because Ohio legislators, up to this date, have refused to protect the medical freedom of their constituents by supporting HB248, the Strongsville GOP supports the Vaccine and Gene Therapy Choice and Anti-Discrimination Ballot Initiative which would put the language of HB248 on the ballot for vote of the people of Ohio should the Ohio Legislature fail to approve the bill.

The Strongsville GOP does not support any substitute or compromise legislation that does not guarantee the full perpetual protections of vaccine choice, health care privacy and protections against discrimination that are included in HB248.

Presently, republican legislators hold a veto-proof majority in both the Ohio House and Senate, which would allow them to pass HB248 into law despite the opposition of Gov. Mike DeWine. Despite that, and even though HB248 has received an unprecedented amount of public support, having received more than 1,500 proponent testimonies supporting the bill and a fairly insignificant number of letters opposing the legislation, legislators have refused to act on the bill.

Therefore, the Strongsville GOP condemns the inaction of legislators who are complicit in impeding the passage of HB248, which would, among other provisions, would protect Ohioans vaccine choices, protect health care privacy and protect Ohioans from vaccine passports and other registries.