

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you sincerely for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on *House Bill 248*.

My name is Linda A. Blaha, and I am a recently retired registered nurse. I support *House Bill 248*, because for the last decade influenza vaccines were mandated by my employer as a condition for continued employment. I have cancelled my plans to work as a clinical preceptor for nursing students because I am fed up with the ever-growing list of necessary vaccines mandated by nursing schools for employment as a preceptor/instructor. This demand by nursing schools has also begun within the last decade. Once the Covid-19 (gene-therapy) vaccines are fully approved, I am certain that these too will be mandated. Where will this end? I am standing up for health care freedom and the *freedom to choose* for all healthcare workers and all Ohioans!

Thank you once again, most sincerely, for undertaking this vital legislation in the Ohio House! We must pass this urgently needed legislation, House Bill 248!

Most sincerely,
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