

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

My name is Patricia Clingman. I am a stay at home mom of 3 children. I am writing today to voice my support for House Bill 248 for the following reasons. As a stay at home parent, I am the main caregiver to my children. My family has a history of blood clot disorders including Factor V. If I should be required to receive the current vaccine (Covid-19), it could have a detrimental impact on my family. I have recovered from Covid-19; so therefore, through natural occurrence personally feel this vaccine is unnecessary at this time. The thought that I may be limited in my interaction with society, due to not receiving this vaccine is also concerning. It could severely limit my ability to care for and seek medical treatment for my family through discrimination, such as, not allowing me to participate in medical appointments or be with family members during a medical emergency.

My children also are at risk of such discrimination, should they be required to receive this vaccine. My oldest son has multiple severe allergies. He has been to the emergency room, due to anaphylactic responses twice now, he is 16. All of my children show signs of chemical sensitivity, both environmental and food based. It would be unfair to limit their life and its potential based on what should be a personal choice based on their own medical/health needs.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to provide my testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Sincerely,

Patricia Clingman