

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

*My name is Stephanie Hollar and I am an educator and small business owner in Columbus, Ohio. I support vaccine choice. I also support House Bill 248 because I do not believe anyone should be discriminated against for this choice. We actually experienced first hand our daughter's school telling us that if FCBH recommended it, they'd consider having vaccinated students dance together and non-vaccinated students dance together at prom. This is not going forward but it was an actual shared/written thought by a local school. As an educator I cannot even imagine typing those words. Our school has held vaccination clinics and our daughter has felt pressure by teachers, peers and school officials to be vaccinated. With 200-300 National deaths of children ages 0-17 vaccinations and masking should not even be a conversation happening in school. Additionally being asked to wear a mask if you are not vaccinated is also discriminatory. If you are vaccinated, in theory you should not fear any non-vaccinated person.*

*Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide written testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.*

*Sincerely, Stephanie K Hollar*