

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

My name is Theresa Mitchell and I am a retired journalist and flight attendant. The reason I support House Bill 248 is although I have a full record if childhood vaccines; as an adult, I recognize the merits and wisdom of vaccine choice and healthcare privacy. No one should be forced or required to take a medical procedure, like a vaccine, against their deeply-held convictions. We are blessed to live in a nation where the Constitution protects life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Therefore, the healthcare of an individual should be the responsibility of the individual, not the government. In fact, our bodies are uniquely and wonderfully designed to prosper without pharmaceutical intervention in many cases. In addition, this legislation will work to protect our HIPPA and Constitutional rights and prevent citizens from dividing along “vaccinated” and “unvaccinated” groups.

Thank you for your time and for allowing me to give written testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Blessings,

Theresa Mitchell