

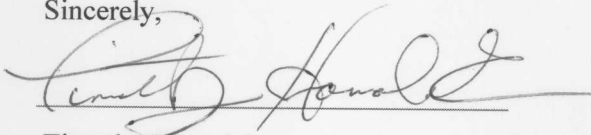
Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Timothy Homolak, and I am a Retired Registered Nurse and former U.S. Army Nurse the reason I support House Bill 248 is because the right to choose your medical care/health should be a decision made between an individual and their care provider. Discrimination of the individual's decision should not and cannot be allowed or endorsed by other individuals, business organizations, local or state official's actions or caveats. This is particularly true of treating an infection that is an acute attack by a novel and previously unencountered agent such as various Influenza viruses or Covid 19.

During a situation with this new agent (Covid 19) great care needs to be taken in treating young people. The infection rate is so low for individuals under the age of eighteen that the proposed treatment is a greater risk than the disease. I fear that without protection from legislation my great-grandchildren will be exposed to such risk. They are my six-fold reason for supporting HB 248.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Homolak", written over a horizontal line.

Timothy Homolak
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