

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 Devon Horsman and I am a Licensed Massage Therapist, mother of 3 children, and lifelong Ohio resident. I feel House Bill 248 is an important piece of legislation to protect each individual's access to society irregardless of their personal medical choices or sincerely held religious beliefs. I feel we must allow each individual person to consult with their own health care provider and make the best decision for themselves. I am genuinely fearful for my children's future and that of future generations of Ohioans if this protection is not afforded to them. When a person feels pressured in society to receive a medical procedure they will not be making the choice that is best for their individual self. And I do not believe that people should be made to sacrifice themselves for the sake of the greater good and we certainly can't require that. I ask that you promptly pass this important piece of legislation to the House floor for a vote.

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

Sincerely,  
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