

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 Lea Sterling and I am a concerned citizen and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because everyone should have a choice when it comes to any medical treatment, vaccines etc. Nobody should be forced to partake in anything if they feel it is not in their best interest. Medical decisions are very personal and are different for everyone. Some treatments work for some but not for others. Doctors do not treat

everyone the same,they come up with individual treatment plans for each individual.When it comes to vaccines everyone can have different reaction along with other medications.I know many people who do not want to take the covid vaccine and some are leaving school and jobs to avoid it.I think that people already feel that they cant control many different things in their lives but they should have a say in what goes in their own bodies.You only get one life and body so please let us have a say when it comes to that.Parents should be able to decide for themselves and their children what they feel is the right choice for their families.I think that if we are required to prove that we have gotten a vaccine just to be able to go about our daily lives then we as a nation are failing to preserve what our country has always been known for. Personal freedoms are what makes our country great and should always be upheld.

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

Sincerely, _____

Lea Sterling