

*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 Sarah Clark and I am currently a stay at home mom and also an RN who worked 7 months on the frontlines of the pandemic as a COVID nurse, the reason I support House Bill 248 is because we are not all the same. My mother received her first COVID vaccine & nearly died. She has spent over 5 months recovering and she will likely never be 100% herself. My mother has no major medical history and was previously working as a travel RN when she received her vaccine and became ill. We are not all the same and not every person will be untouched by this vaccine or other medical procedures. This is why it is absolutely necessary for every Ohioan to have personal autonomy in making medical decisions. We have trusted our elected officials to advocate for us, please listen to our concerns and advocate for us in a matter that is vitally important now more than ever.*

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

*Sincerely,*

Sarah M Clark