

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo and Members of the House Health Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in favor of House Bill 248. My name is Francesca Lehman and it is poignant that I am writing this on the day my 18 year old vaccine injured son has graduated from high school. He was neurologically and physically injured by his 18 month old routine Tdap. His father and I have spent countless hours, tears and money out of pocket to recover him because manufacturers of vaccines are not liable for injuries and DENY the FACT that injuries are REAL. I would do it 10 times over to have my now healthy, strong and smart son as opposed to the chronically sick and cognitively struggling little boy that he became because of just 1 supposedly "safe and effective" vaccine. We have spent the last 16 years keeping him from further harm. Now that he is 18 and ready to attend college and be in the workforce, it SHOULD NOT be a requirement to take ANY vaccine against his will or physician's advice to get an education or earn a living.

My family poured everything we had into getting our son to the point of thriving WITHOUT the help of government. The individual is smart enough to discern what medical procedures are best for them without government. My son's ability to live a healthy and full life is in danger if this bill does not pass.

VOTE YES ON HB248

Thank you,

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