

*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 Mary C Schmiesing and I am a mother and grandmother who has been blessed with many children and grandchildren all of whom live here in Ohio. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe our right to make medical & health care decisions is inalienable. I don't believe the government has the right or the wisdom to decide whether or not we use certain medical products or how/ when we use them. I believe that "vaccine" mandates or passports of any sort are alien to our religious and civil liberties. To think that we need to present proof of our vaccine record just to go to a store, a public event, to work, or to travel is so hostile to both common sense and our right to participate freely in society. I am also distressed by the continuing erosion of our freedoms by the state. I don't believe there is a grassroots demand for vaccine mandates. This is not coming from the people, but again from the government. This issue is my number one civil rights priority right now.*

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

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