

*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 Krista Snapp, and I am submitting my personal written testimony in support of HB248 and urge you to make the right choice, passing this into law immediately.

I have a Bachelor's degree in Clinical Laboratory Science and have worked as a healthcare professional in laboratory medicine for the past 20 years. Many of those years consisted

of sitting at a microbiology bench and working to identify viruses or bacteria on molecular platforms. I have a vast understanding of science. I fully understand there are risks to both sides of this issue, but above all, we must value and respect each individual to make the best choice for themselves (and their children) based on their personal medical history and sincerely held beliefs. We must maintain vaccine choice and healthcare privacy for all.

One thing I always come back to when I really try to think critically as a scientist, is that medicine is never one size fits all. Vaccines included.

Adverse events are very

real, however they are often ignored or dismissed. Rare is only rare until it happens to you or a loved one. We cannot allow an employer to force a medical procedure on employees in order to work and provide for themselves or their families. We cannot allow discrimination based on vaccine choice.

Please vote in favor of HB248.

Thank you.

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