

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

My name is Crista Hettinger. I am a stay-at-home mother of a special needs child with little to no support, so I appreciate this opportunity to provide written proponent testimony regarding Sub House Bill 248. It would be difficult to attend the hearing in-person.

I will always support an individual's choice to do what is best for him or herself, or for their families – and that includes vaccination. Considering the COVID-19 vaccines aren't even FDA approved yet, it is integral that everyone is able to use discretion in deciding to take one. Vaccines aren't a one-size-fits-all. How one person reacts is not the same for someone else. People must be able to accept or decline, given the state of their own health and circumstances. Those who decline must be able to do so without the fear of repercussions. No one should feel coerced to take one.

Having stated the above, I absolutely support any bill prohibiting mandatory vaccinations, vaccine status disclosures, vaccination passports, and tracking methods. I favor individual sovereignty and privacy. This bill affirms our rights to informed consent and health privacy, as well as the right to seek legal relief. I will pray that this bill passes for my sake, but especially for Ohio's children.

Thank you for allowing me to share my concerns,

Crista Hettinger