

*Dear, 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 Christy Long and I am a stay at home mom and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I strongly believe medial choices should be a personal decision and not something to be made out of coercion or fear of loss of freedoms.

My husband is business owner and during while interviewing a prospective employee it is against the law to even ask someone their race, religion, if they have a medical issue, pregnant etc. That would of course be discrimination because it could potentially effect the job opportunity. So how could it be legal for me to tell someone they can't work for me because they haven't taken a certain medicine or a vaccine. Honestly, just writing that makes me wonder why this is even a question or that a bill needs to be passed to make this discrimination never be allowed.

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

*Sincerely, Christy Long*