

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 Joan Hartley. I am licensed intervention specialist with over 30 years experience in the field. The reason I support House Bill 248 is multifaceted but included among the top reasons are:

- Protection for Americans with disabilities
- Compliance with ADA language
- Freedom to make medical decisions in keeping with one's personal medical needs/concerns

Medical treatments and interventions, such as vaccines and other pharmaceuticals, must be tailored to the needs and conditions of the individual. It is not a one-size-fits-all proposition.

Vaccines are readily available to those whom, after doing their own research and conferring with their medical professionals, wish to have them. If vaccines are indeed safe and effective, then those who choose to be vaccinated for any number of diseases should have no need to be concerned about exposure to those who, by virtue of health reasons or conscience, cannot.

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

Respectfully yours,

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