

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.

I am a mother and entrepreneur. The reason we need HB 248 is that, even though I've been able to shield my healthy children from the world this past year through homeschooling and forming new communities that value freedom and normalcy, soon they will need to enter the world again. I do not want my children being asked their medical information when they go to the store with me. I do not want them discriminated against when deciding what school to attend next year or the next. MANY families are giving up on the dream of sending our kids to college one day because we suspect they will not be allowed to attend. We also are seeing options limited for what career fields our children can get into because they will not be allowed to attend college and employers will be able to mandate medical interventions in order to be hired. The past year has successfully normalized hate and discrimination and taught people it is okay to ask for your private medical information. We need HB 248 to at least make it against the law to discriminate based on this information. We need HB 248 to begin to have hope again for our children – to be able to encourage them to go into a career path that is true to their hearts and talents, not just one because it allows them to keep their bodies as God made them.

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

Sincerely,  
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