

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 Terri Kidder and I am a small business owner and mother. I feel it paramount to show my upmost support for House Bill 248. As a parent of a teenage child, I have grave concern for both his immediate and future school career. We rely on bodily autonomy and make choices concerning our health every day and believe this bill will continue to support our God given rights to make decisions related to our son's health. Decisions that a parent, and parent

alone, should be making.

I believe without HB 247, we will see a situation of "humiliation into submission" for our kids. A mental process they will endure and by no means have the capacity to process, and worse, experience every single day. No child should feel coerced by his school or the government to make health decisions that could harm him forever. At this juncture, we do not know the future ramifications of making such radical health decisions. The proof of safety and efficacy simply has not been established, particularly in children OR adults who have derived natural immunity.

In addition, we have religious and philosophical convictions that should be

*protected by the very
Constitution that was
enacted to protect those
rights. Therefore, we ask
that HB 248 be passed
and implemented.*

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

*Sincerely,
Terri J. Kidder*