

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 Kent Roush and I am a self employed and I currently am contracted by a local company full time. This company is considering mandating that all employees be required to be vaccinated. If this happens I am not sure I will be able to continue to work there. Also my wife has worked for a local company and they are considering mandating the vaccine for all of their employees. She has worked at her employer for 37 years now and is planning on working at least 4 more years until she turns 65 and is able to obtain medical insurance through Medicare and then can retire. If her employer decides to mandate this vaccine she would be forced to retire early as she does not believe in the vaccine at this time. If she is forced to retire early we would not be able to obtain medical insurance unless we pay for it privately which would be very costly. I feel that all people should have the right to make their own medical decisions and not be forced into medical procedures that they do not agree with, for whatever reason including medical and religious beliefs.

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

Sincerely,

Kent Roush