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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 248.

Our names are Henry and Mary Laurent, and we are an Independent Business Consultant and a homemaker, married with ten children. The reason that we support House Bill 248 is because we feel that as parents and as educated adults we have the right to make medical decisions for ourselves and our children without the interference of the state. Medical decisions should be matters of personal freedom. There are many valid reasons to decline certain medical treatments, including vaccines. Many vaccines are created and/or tested using fetal cell lines that originated from an abortion procedure. For this reason, people including ourselves may opt to decline a vaccine that they feel is an act of cooperation with evil. There are also personal physical reasons to decline vaccines, such as one of our children whose allergic sensitivities were exacerbated after receiving a vaccine.

We are also concerned that making medical procedures a requirement for participating in certain social activities or arenas will set a precedent of invasion of medical privacy as well as social division.

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

Sincerely,

  
Henry and Mary Laurent