

*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 Emily Arnold and I am a registered nurse working in women's health in Dayton, Ohio, caring for women of childbearing age and their infants. I support HB 248 because I value medical freedom in the workplace. I believe that my personal convictions and those of my coworkers, regarding vaccinations, are private health information and should not be a determining factor in my employment. I have dedicated many years to my organization and provide exceptional care to the population in which I serve. Kettering Health currently honors freedom of choice in regards to vaccinations and it is imperative to many of their long standing employees that their status remain unchanged.*

*Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the urgency of HB 248.*

*Regards,*

*Emily Arnold, RN BSN*