

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 Miranda Kibler, and I am a teacher and a member of the Army National Guard. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because there are circumstances that would prevent someone from receiving a vaccine. A person could have allergies to the ingredients, have religious or moral beliefs, have prior immunity, or many other situations that we know nothing about. That person has a right to stay in control of their health choices without having to defend them. There isn't a "one size fits all" prescription for anything in healthcare. You don't give the same medicine or dose to every person, adult or child. Not only that, but it's also unjust to expect someone to sacrifice their health or religious beliefs to obtain a job or to have access to goods/services.

In the very rare chance that something goes wrong with these vaccines, it's not a good idea for the majority of people to fall susceptible to the possible effects. That's one reason I'm glad it's only EUA and not mandatory for the military. Can you imagine if half or more of our fighting force was injured by one of these vaccines?

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

Sincerely,
Miranda Kibler