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Dear 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 Lisa and I am a mom of 3 kids, bonus mom to 3, and "Nonna" to 5 babies. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because medical decisions should be left up to the individual. Medical decisions should never be made by the government and people should not be subject to discrimination because of their medical decisions. My middle child had seizures at 2 days old after she received the hepatitis B vaccine. Doctors put her through several days of awful, invasive testing and she saw a neurologist for a year. They never found anything wrong with her. She is now a normal, intelligent 25 year old and I know the seizures were from the vaccine since that is one of the potential side effects.

I continued to vaccinate my children until they started having more mild reactions and I started to dive deep into research. My family does not vaccinate based on our sincerely held religious beliefs and now because of their health. We should not be denied employment, education or access to goods or services based on our religious beliefs. When there is such a big risk, there should be a choice.

Many people do not vaccinate for other reasons such as reasons of conscience or medical reasons. We must also protect their ability to decline any medical procedure including vaccines.

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

Sincerely,

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