

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Joy Walters, and I am a Professional Service Provider in the Beauty Industry for 40 years and a small business owner. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because our freedom and rights have been unlawfully removed due to the overextended use of the EUA and it appears this has become the new standard of control.

Since the onslaught of Covid my business has suffered due to all the mandates, orders, and additional costs for PPE to satisfy safety/sanitation/disinfection protocols above and beyond what is customary. 15 days to slow the spread became 60 days, then upon returning to my business my customer intake was cut in half due to distancing restrictions. Compliance was met with the standards and the masks. Next comes the "vaccine". As a service provider, I am with a different customer every 30-90 minutes. Almost every customer feels the need to inform me of their decision and "vaccine status", then ask me if I have been vaccinated. I am confronted with daily conversation and by some an insistence to reveal my "status". This creates undue stress and changes the environment for both client and me. I am astonished how many have adopted an attitude of feeling compelled to breach individual privacy of their health decisions and have ease in expecting my disclosing to them of my decisions. I am adamant that my and everyone's health choices and decisions are NOT for public display and casual conversation. We have individual God given freedoms. As an American, I oppose anything or anyone who feels it is their right and duty to monitor and judge my and other individuals' choices. This has been an attack and assault on the human connection and is only dividing people. The healthcare passport is a complete and utter abolishment of all freedoms granted us by God and our United States Constitution. This is a gateway to the removal of privacy, autonomy, liberty, justice, pursuit of happiness and freedoms as an American citizen This would become an instrument of control and forced compliance to future vaccines, the subverting of a social credit system dictating ones very existence and survival on this planet. Forced and mandated vaccines for adults and children is a violation of our individual rights according to the constitution. The imposing of this onto private and corporate business through monetary reward and incentive is bribery and coercion. Employees given the ultimatum of taking the vaccine or losing their job is a crime against humanity and will no doubt end in lawsuits. Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need and urgency of House Bill 248.

Sincerely, Joy Walters