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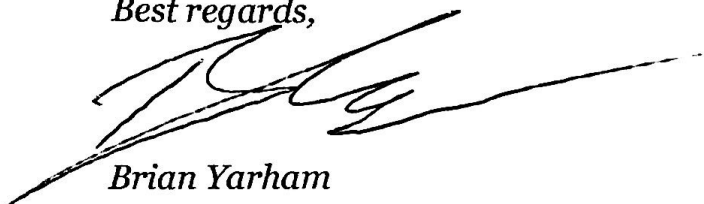
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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Brian Yarham and I am a relocation engineer and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I support everyone's individual right to make medical decision for themselves without fear of discrimination or unfair treatment. The idea of agencies or businesses being able to treat people differently because of these personal medical decisions is abhorrent to me. As the 5th generation in my 124 year-old family business, we have thrived in the midst of many pandemics. Since 1897, my family has survived no matter what was going on in the world: war, famine, depression, recession. I am a front-line worker and manage a team of 15 that have worked with the general public the entire pandemic. I have no interest in managing neither my customer's nor my employee's health status beyond the obvious when they call in sick. We have worked this entire time without any health issues. I cannot endure the business burden of tracking and managing vaccine status in my work. I do not feel this is necessary and I am opposed to vaccine passports. My business will suffer if I am forced to track employee proof of vaccination.

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

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Yarham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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