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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 Vivian Pasal and I am teacher who instructs students K-4th grade in reading intervention and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I fear mandatory vaccination will become necessary to keep my position as an educator. I have been in the field of education for over 10 years, and I am honored to work with today's youth. I work in a public school in Northeast Ohio, and I am concerned for my personal healthcare privacy and vaccination choice. If vaccination is mandated, I will need to strongly consider a different field of work.

This past school year (2020-2021), we were fortunate as a school district to have instruction in-person for almost the entire year. This past Spring, I felt an extreme amount of pressure to receive the Covid-19 vaccine from our administration. Fortunately, for now, to receive the vaccine was still a choice and my only hope is that it remains our own personal choice.

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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