

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 Mindy L. White. I have worked in the medical field for 11 years as a Cardiovascular Sonographer. As a single mother of two, I put myself through college, sacrificing time away from my family to earn a degree in a field I love. This sacrifice rewarded me with a great career where I could provide for my family while making a difference in the plan of care for complete strangers.

My livelihood is now being threatened by a vaccine we know little about. I, along with other healthcare workers, are going to be forced to get the vaccine or lose our careers. Just months ago, healthcare professionals were hailed as heroes, now those that choose not to get the vaccine will be looked down upon and exiled from the healthcare field all together.

I support House Bill 248 because it will provide protection from discrimination by employers. Ohioans, or any American for that matter, livelihoods should not be dependent on personal healthcare choices.

Thank you,

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