

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 Jerald Thomas and I am retired. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because without this bill we are on our way to modern day segregation. I am 83 years old and I no longer have to answer to an employer, but I am deeply concerned about the future that my children, my grandchildren and my great grandchildren will face. I want them to be able to live free and enjoy the freedoms that my generation fought so hard for. I do not believe that anyone should have to choose between taking a vaccine and going to the grocery store, working or traveling.

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

Sincerely,

Jerald Thomas