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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 Diane and I am a wife, mom of two adult children, and co-owner of a business and the reasons I support House Bill 248 are very personal to me.

I have auto-immune diseases that make me vulnerable to the impact of vaccinations. I have personally experienced negative affects from vaccinations in my own body as well as in my children. Some of these affects have caused permanent physical changes. I have spent years attempting to detox from the impact. For this reason, I feel very strongly that all vaccines be a personal CHOICE, not a requirement for access to school, business, employment, medical care etc.

**Not everyone has the ability to take a vaccine safely. This is medically proven and one I have experienced in my personal life.**

I also feel very strongly that parents retain their rights over their children's medical decisions.

Please realize that I represent a significant portion of the population. I am not a one-off situation. Thousands of Ohioans have a similar stories to mine and that is why you are receiving an overflow of testimony about HB248.

Please consider the health of ALL Ohioans as you make you decisions about vaccinations and medical freedom.

Sincerely,

Diane VanWeelden