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Dear 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 Kim Wilhelm and I am a mom and also work at the Cleveland Clinic. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because medical decisions should be left up to the individual. Medical decisions should never be made by the government and people should not be subject to discrimination because of their medical decisions.

My family does not vaccinate based on our sincerely held religious beliefs. We should not be denied employment, education or access to goods or services based on our religious beliefs.

Many people do not vaccinate for other reasons such as reasons of conscience or medical reasons, even previous injuries. We must also protect their ability to decline any medical procedure including vaccines.

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

Sincerely,
Kim Wilhelm