

Testimony for House Bill 248
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My name is Stephanie Chapman and I am a stay at home mother of four boys in Champaign County. I would like to provide my testimony in support of House Bill 248 because over the last two years our family has seen the tragic results of a vaccination injury. My father-in-law experienced the life-altering side-effect of Guillain-Barre Syndrome after he received the flu vaccine in 2019. This is a known, and listed possible side effect, but you never think it will happen to you, till it happens to you. Following his flu vaccine, he experienced life threatening health issues and paralysis. His recovery is still ongoing, and his life will never be the same again. My father-in-law is a Veteran who previously loved to play sports with his grandchildren, ride his bike around town, go camping and work with the Scouting program, but is now fighting to regain use of his limbs. I cannot explain how difficult this has been on him, his wife and our whole family. HB 248 is so needed because individuals need the freedom to choose for themselves if any vaccine is worth the risk for them to take it. We all deserve the right to investigate possible side effects of any vaccination or medical procedure, and decide for ourselves if it is right for us. To add insult to injury, there is almost nothing we can do to receive any compensation or ever make things remotely “right.” The cards are truly stacked against vaccination-injured individuals. Please support HB 248, in honor of those who took the gamble and received their vaccinations exactly as they were “supposed to” and now will suffer for the rest of their lives because of it. Please stand up for the families of those injured, who now have the heart-wrenching decisions ahead of them of whether or not to vaccinate themselves and their precious children, knowing all too well the possible risks. And last, please support HB 248 because it is hands-down the right thing to do! Individuals must make these difficult medical choices for themselves, and then live with the consequences, themselves. Where there is risk—there must be choice. Thank you for this opportunity to share our story. If any more information is needed, please let me know.

All The Best,
Stephanie Chapman