

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 Deborah Soudry and I am a homeschool mom and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe it is wrong to coerce people by offering workplace freedoms in exchange for getting the vaccine. I have seen this happen in my husband's workplace as well as the workplaces of friends. Many people have varying objections to the current covid vaccines (along with other vaccines) due to physical disability, religious beliefs, and/or philosophical beliefs. Under no circumstances should our health freedom rights be sacrificed for a "feeling" of safety.

Additionally, children should not be forced to get an objectionable vaccine to attend school or extracurricular activities. While my children are currently homeschooled, there could come a time when they would attend an actual physical school. They also enjoy participating in many extracurricular activities. For multiple reasons, I do not want to expose them to certain vaccinations that may be required in the future to participate in these activities.

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

Sincerely,
Deborah Soudry