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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 Lisa Carter, and I am a teacher and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I feel it is my right to be able to choose what goes into my body as I was created by Almighty God. I believe Ohioans should have the ultimate authority over their medical decisions and a right to maintain privacy regarding those decisions, without being discriminated against. This is clearly the statute of which the Ohio State Constitution stands for.

PREAMBLE

*"We the people of the State of Ohio, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, to secure its blessing and promote our common welfare, do establish this Constitution".*

It also states in Article I: BILL OF RIGHTS

*"All men are, by nature, free and independent, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and seeking and obtaining happiness and safety".*

As a teacher and citizens of Ohio I support HB248 as it gives me and my fellow Ohioans the freedom to uphold the rights established by our forefathers. It gives the rights to protect our own bodies and seek safety in making that choice.

I believe Ohioans should have the ultimate decision in the choice to vaccinate and to maintain privacy regarding those decisions, without being discriminated against.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lisa Carter