

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 Jeremy Gebhart, and I am a Software Engineer. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because no person should be forced to do something medically that they consider to not be in their best interest. Any private or public entity that takes away that choice entirely, or makes an individual choose at their cost, is in violation of what may be the most powerful statement in the Declaration of Independence. It states that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, among them, the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our ability to make our own choices in general, and those involving our health specifically, are protected under those statements.

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

Sincerely,

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