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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 Tom Keller and I am a Quality Control Inspector with a local company. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I do not believe anyone should be forced to take an experimental vaccine. I believe that any decision that is made for my health should be between me and my Dr and not my employer.

I have had covid and know that I now carry the antibodies for it. I have had to wear a mask at my job for over a year which has affected my health to the point of causing a chronic health issue with my breathing forcing me to go to a pulmonologist for treatment which is ongoing at this time. In the last few weeks masks do not have to be worn upon proof of vaccination at my company, but I feel like that it is my choice whether to wear a mask or get vaccinated and that any attempt to differentiate between vaccinated and unvaccinated is a form of coercion and is discriminatory. This is why I support HB 248 because it protects the right of the individual to choose for themselves and to not be affected by experimental science or politics.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Keller". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tom Keller