

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you sincerely for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 248 (HB-248).

My name is Richard J. Taylor, MD. I am a pediatrician at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. I am opposed to HB-248. It is infrequent that a bill is proposed that threatens the lives of people and especially children as profoundly as this bill does. It is easy to see the positive impact vaccinations have had in our community by just asking your own grandparents how many loved ones they had who died from the Flu, Pertussis, Diphtheria, and Polio. This bill will also strip away the freedom of high risk patients from going to school or daycare as they will be unable to stay safe.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to share testimony on House Bill 248 (HB-248).

Sincerely,
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