

Respected Chairman Lipps, Vice-Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo and members of the House Health Committee

My name is Vidhya Krishnan and I am a resident physician in Obstetrics and Gynecology here in Columbus, Ohio.

I would like to talk about how dangerous the ideas espoused in HB248 are to the safety and well-being of the people in our state.

I have had the privilege and honor of taking care of multiple women who have been diagnosed with cervical cancer. Unfortunately, by the time this is diagnosed, the cancer has often spread to the point of no return.

As with most things, this disproportionately affects folks with lower income and challenging socio-economic status.

This cancer is caused by a virus and wholly preventable. A cancer that we can prevent with a vaccine.

I urge you to vote against HB248.

Thank you.