

To whom it may concern my name is Demeshia Montgomery I'm a twenty-year scleroderma survivor, wife and a mother of ten-year-old daughter. I'm very concerned about HB 248 due to me being immunocompromised and my child attending in person school. I believe all employers or at least healthcare professionals, police, government employees, restaurants workers, grocery store employees and school employees should be required to disclose their vaccination history. The essential workers are in direct contact with the public and some are handling the food we consume. This leads me to believe that the public will be at an immediate risk of contracting diseases due to HB248. It is extremely important that employers have the right to protect themselves, employees and their customers by requiring immunization records be disclosed upon hiring and throughout an individual's employment. This bill will personally cause me to not be able to return to normal living. My immune system cannot handle contracting a disease. This bill will make that an everyday fear of mine and would cause me to have to continue to wear a mask on a permanent basis. Which also puts me at risk due to my lung issues I already suffer from. To me this would cause me and many others in the disabled community to live in fear based on an individual's inconsideration for others. I would one day like to return to the normal life I had before Covid 19 HB248 seems to take that hope away and entrap me into a new life of fear of conducting my normal daily activities. Also, my child attends in person school and has just recently returned to attend summer camp. She was only allowed to do so because all school staff was vaccinated. My daughter suffered greatly from the isolation and lack of socializing due to how many were affected in her school. If this bill passes, she will once again have to home school due to the potential of her contracting a disease and then bringing it home to me with the risk being death for me. I don't feel I should have to choose between dying or sending my kid to school or dying or grocery shopping. Thank you for taking my testimony into consideration when you vote on this extremely important bill!