



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 Samuel Heister, MSW, LSW. I am a practicing clinic social worker at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. I stand in opposition to HB-248, a bill that itself stands in opposition to the health and well-being of Ohioans. My job and my vocation in life is to advocate for Ohioans whose voices often go unheard.

We must allow the experts to make decisions, based on evidence, which affect the wellbeing of Ohioans. Vulnerable communities will suffer as a result of this bill and I urge the assembly to vote against this.

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