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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 Rachel Schmitz and I am a graduate student at the University of Findlay in the Masters of Education Program. I am also a full time educator.

The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe in an individual's right and privacy in regards to one's personal health care. No one should be discriminated against based upon their vaccination record or whether they hold a vaccination passport. These are private matters and should not be made public. Nor should an individual's health care choices be tracked.

While I am a distant-learner in the graduate program at the University of Findlay, I have been strongly encouraged to disclose my vaccination record to the health center before the beginning of classes. Even though I never set foot on campus, they prefer that I share my co-vid vaccination record so that they may better track the campus community. This is illogical first and foremost since I am never on campus. Furthermore, it's none of their business. I don't disclose the results of my yearly physical, why should I disclose my vaccination record?

Sincerely,
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