

Dear Chairman Lipps,

My name is Robert B. Varner and I am a father of 3 beautiful children and a police officer at University Hospitals and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because my children were wrongfully discriminated against for my wife and I's decision to not get them vaccinated. My wife and I received a letter from our pediatricians office a little over a year and half ago, maybe 2 years now. The letter stated that my children were more or less a threat and or a hazard to the doctor's practice and his patients since my children are not vaccinated, they were no longer permitted to get treatment from his practice. My wife and I have chosen to not vaccinate for many reasons and prior to receiving this letter my wife was being pressured by said doctor to get both my children at that time vaccinated and my wife brought forth many concerning and alarming side effects of these vaccines. The doctor of course denounced my wifes concerns by stating the side effects and incidents were very small numbers and the possibility or chance of these side effects happening were very minimal. He continued to tell my wife and I that the vaccines are not like the vaccines in the past and have been altered and changed for the better. I urge you Chairman to please move forward with a vote to support HB248 and protect our children and our right to choose what we put in our bodies.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Sincerely

Robert Varner