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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 Tanya Ghysels and I am a nurse practitioner in the family practice setting. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe in treating the whole person (physically, emotionally, and spiritually) and empowering them to make their own health decisions rather than forcing, discriminating, or taking away "the right to choose." I believe this violates humanity on a greater scale than just providing immunization. We have faced viruses of all severities in the past, but I have never been apart of one that caused such loss of individuality of choice. Therefore, I support House bill 248 which would give us this individual empowerment and freedom to choose which is indeed necessary for our health.

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

Sincerely,

Tanya Ghysels