

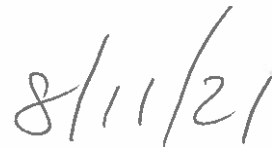
Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My Name is Gina Rood and I work for Summa Health in Akron Ohio. I had to sign an electronic form in our Health Stream system in Jan 2021 that I was declining the Covid Vaccine when it originally came out. I felt that this was a violation of my privacy with my health. Now, August 2021 Summa Health System just announced that they are changing their employment policy and that we need to get vaccinated for Covid 19 (first dose) by Sept 17 and second vaccine by 10.17.21 with everything turned in by 10.31.21. Summa can decline my medical and religious exemption which will we leave me without a job.

I am a widow and have 2 children. I do not want to take the Covid-19 vaccine for religious purposes and medical reasons. I now have to convince my employer of my religious convictions and they can still refuse my request. I am highly upset that I now have to choose between feeding my children and paying my bills and going against what I strongly disagree with. I am appalled that people can have an abortion and say "My Body my Choice" but I do not have the right to decline a vaccine and I do not want to take a NON-FDA vaccine that can cause serious side effects.

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

Please help me and all of America!!!

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