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Letter supporting House Bill 248.

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 Nancy Wood. I am a registered voter in Miami County. I have been a public servant for the past 31 years. I have worked with some of the finest Correction Officers at the Juvenile Detention Center. I am a college graduate. I am still married to my high school sweetheart (44 years), with 4 grown children and 6 grandchildren. My daughter and 2 daughter-in-laws are all in Health Care. One is a respiratory therapist that has taken care of Covid patients. She has first-hand experience working with the patients and the doctors that have helped to heal some of these patients. I am in support of House Bill 248 because Americans and Ohioans should be able to make their own health care choices. I have been very blessed with good health and I continue to work to keep my body healthy. I choose to not smoke and to eat green vegetables and to take vitamins and to get enough sleep and to exercise and to get an annual physical and to get a flu vaccine and so on. These are my choices and should continue to be my choices. No elected official should have the authority to tell me how to take care of my body. I also want to have a right to privacy for my health care choices. I don't want to have to share my personal information with a stranger.

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

Kind Regards,

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