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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 Sandahl Simon and I am a Benefits Manager at a law firm as well as a mother. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe it is each individual's right whether or not they want to receive the COVID vaccine or any vaccine for that matter. Vaccination status should not cause anyone to be discriminated against. I am not against vaccines but I am against forcing individuals to get one in order to keep their jobs or participate in normal every day activities. I believe this vaccine should be treated like any other vaccine in which individuals can decline the vaccine due to conscientious, religious or medical reasons.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandahl Simon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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