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House Bill 248 Written Proponent Testimony

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 Delores Bailey and I have been a registered nurse for nearly 28 years and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because as a nurse I am an advocate for my patients first and foremost and a patient's bill of rights includes the right to refuse medications, treatments or procedures they do not wish to have. Health care facilities are adamant when it comes to protecting patient rights and privacy. It's dumbfounding to me that these same entities are using coercion as a means to deny my fundamental right to make my own medical decisions.

The US Constitution grants and protects every American citizens God-given right to make their own medical decisions and the Declaration of Independence recognizes human rights as God-given, to allow businesses to deny those God-given, Constitutional rights is over reach and unconstitutional.

I urge you to pass House Bill 248 as written to ensure that every Ohioan has the right to make their own medical decisions. Ohio Lawmakers, we, your constituents are depending on you to protect our God-given constitutional right to make our own medical decisions. House Bill 248 must be passed, all Ohioans deserve the freedom to choose, please protect our rights.

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

Respectfully,

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