

My name is Kelly Flueck I am a mom and an Occupational Therapist in a hospital. I have been an OT for going on 12 years. We just received notice from our company that effective December 1st all employees have to receive the COVID-19 vaccination or we voluntarily terminate our position. As a healthcare professional I was on the front lines during the pandemic without a vaccine and sometimes without proper PPE, now in order to work we have to get the vaccine. I support House Bill 248 because I strongly believe in medical freedom and true informed consent. As of now there are no long-term studies to look at the effectiveness and/or possible long term side effects.... so how can people make an informed decision? With all medical procedures you have to have informed consent not coercion... how would you feel if you had to pick between your job and what you thought was morally a right decision???? Getting a vaccine should be a personal and individual decision. Our hospital is currently short staffed so this could greatly impact the healthcare system in providing quality care for patients if a staffing shortage were to happen due to this, which more than likely will. We live in the United States of America, the land of the free where people can make their own medical decisions based on what is best for them. Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Sincerely,

Kelly Flueck