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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russi and honorable members of the House Health Committee, thank you for considering my testimony in support of Sub HB 248.

My name is Rhianna, and my husband and I have been residents and property owners in Ohio for all our lives. I have raised my daughter here, who is now in college. I'd like to express my full support of Sub HB 248 and explain why I feel this bill is of utmost importance.

I feel that it is our basic human right to have body sovereignty and decide how we choose to care, protect, and nurture our bodies the way we see fit, without judgement, discrimination, or penalty from others. I believe that everyone has an opinion of what is healthy, what is right, and what is wrong. It is our right to determine this for ourselves, understanding from a place of respect that someone else's opinion, belief, or perspective may differ from our own. The moment we allow anyone else but ourselves to decide what we will inject in our body to travel, shop, and work will remove our personal freedom and sovereignty.

This is not a matter of being pro-vaccination or anti-vaccination. As a Holistic Health and Wellness Practitioner, I firmly believe that each person and body is unique, and how they interact with their environment is unique, how their body responds to their environment is unique. It is therefore our individual responsibility to determine what is safe and healthy for our body, and we should protect that right and reserve privacy for our health choices.

Thank you all for considering my testimony on this issue, and I ask that you please vote "yes" on Sub HB 248.

Sincerely,

Rhianna