

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 Chelsea Venables and I am administrative professional in the senior living industry. The most important reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe medical decisions should be between a patient and their doctor, and no one else. Furthermore, we are seeing detrimental staffing issues in our nursing homes. A decision to mandate vaccines among staff would result in loss of even more valuable nurses and has the potential to cause many nursing homes to have to close their doors indefinitely. This will ultimately lead to so many seniors without care.

I strongly urge you to vote yes on House Bill 248 to protect Ohio citizens' freedom of medical choice.

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

Sincerely,
Chelsea Venables