

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 Gayl Marvin and I am a nurse and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because first as a believer in Jesus Christ and according to his words to us from the Bible in 1 Corinthians 6:19,20, I am a temple of the Holy Spirit, I am not my own and therefore I should honor God with my body. Therefore it is my conviction that I cannot get this vaccine since it has not been proven to be unharmed.

Second, as a nurse, I believe that I should have the same freedom to choose or refuse treatment as my patients do when they are presented with the facts and explanation of these treatments. Every day in my profession, I am asked to honor my patients decision to refuse treatment and also their individual beliefs. I feel that we all deserve the same choice. Being forced to take treatment that I do not want is discrimination against my right to choose what is best for me. This country was founded on the freedom to choose and it is what has made this country a great place to live. This bill will help us keep our freedom to choose.

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

Sincerely,

Gayl Marvin