

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 Rebecca Murraya, and I am an Administrative worker, wife, and mother. The reason I support House Bill 248 is that all individuals have the right to decline any experimental therapy, including vaccines. The individual's decision to receive or decline any health procedure should remain private information. Requiring proof of vaccination to participate in work, school, worship, or any other normal part of American life borders on coercion, and absolutely magnifies the fear and division already rampant in our country. Requiring individuals to comply with recommended vaccine/gene therapy protocols also violates our informed consent laws because none of these therapies has been in use long enough for the medical community to have compiled the long-term data that individuals need to analyze to make an informed decision.

The tactics being used by government and media over the course of this last eighteen months to shame and terrify the public into compliance would be appalling to our founding fathers. We should be encouraged on every front to improve the state of our public health in ways proven to lessen the risk involved with all serious viruses. This could include encouraging at risk individuals to exercise when possible; providing information about, and access to healthful foods to reduce blood sugar and obesity issues, since these are major factors in the most severe Covid 19 cases; and encouraging the protection of the very elderly who may not be able to lessen risk factors. This should NOT include the reckless distribution of fast-food vouchers in exchange for vaccination proof. If our government is truly concerned for our health and well being instead of supporting the pharmaceutical industry's profit margins, we need to put our combined energy into strengthening each other, instead of tearing each other apart based on our vaccine status.

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

Sincerely, Rebecca Murraya