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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 Isaac Drury and I am the son of a medical records coordinator for a large health system in the Dayton area. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because the network she works for, as well as other local health organizations, have recently issued a vaccine mandate in which all employees regardless of in office or work from home status, vendors, suppliers, and any other parties that come into the facilities must be vaccinated. Employees who refuse to get vaccinated will be terminated. The mandate included a FAQ sheet which stated women who are pregnant, nursing or trying to conceive cannot get an exemption. They later revised that and said if an OB/GYN can sign for the woman they can be exempt, however, they are still claiming it is safe for women in these stages of life but have developed a panel of doctors to review the facts.

The company is dictating who should be vaccinated with no regard for a person's basic right to do as they wish with their own body and healthcare choices. They are way overstepping their bounds, and assuming power that has not been given to them. We need to fight back while we are still able to fight. Mandates on health care and discrimination based on compliance are not constitutional and need to be stopped.

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

Sincerely,

Isaac Drury