

August 18, 2021

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 Terri Corwin and I am a parent of a young person with special needs, and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I have great concerns about mandated vaccines and face masks.

As a parent of a person that does not have the ability to communicate pain, injury, and health problems, such as not being able to breath, I am very disturbed that the government would mandate that special needs individuals could be forced to take a shot that is proving to have a more adverse reactions than any vaccine in our history. According to the open VAERS report as of August 6, 2021, there have been 12,791 Deaths, 5,590 Heart Attacks, 2,554 Thrombocytopenia/Low Platelet, and 4,371 Myocarditis/Pericarditis reported and this is not the full list. Furthermore, as the third injection is being rolled out will these health concerns be intensified.

I am asking you to put yourself in the shoes of a person that could not say my chest hurts, I cannot move, I have a bad headache. Unlike COVID-19 there is no outward symptoms of a heart attack, or a blood clot, only pain, and a person without functional language cannot tell anyone what is happening to them. House Bill 248 would allow parents, guardians, and family members, that know these people the best, the ability to make the best choice for them.

This shot has new technology, mRNA, and there is absolutely no way to know the long-term effects. It should be the choice of the person and their family if he or she wants to risk COVID-19 now or take the shot with the risk of health concerns immediately, or potentially in the future.

Additionally, there is evidence that steroids and other medications can help individuals recover from COVID-19, so these shots are not our only means to overcome this virus.

Addressing the issue with the face masks. Again, individuals and their families should be making these decisions. This is not a one size fits all and I have not seen any science that suggests the face masks, especially the cloth masks, stop people from getting the virus. I have heard many people say it does, but I have not seen any science that shows this is true. I ask you to consider being a person that cannot breathe and not having the ability to verbally express it, or even if you could, being told you must leave it on anyway. This by most standards is inhumane and abuse. It is for this reason I believe House Bill 248 should be passed.

I will close by saying the government is not supposed to make health choices for me and my family. The government is supposed to protect my right to say "No" to any health treatment that I do not believe is in mine and/or my family's best interest.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Corwin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Terri Corwin