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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 Mary Bruce, and I am a senior nursing student at Galen College of Nursing in Cincinnati, Ohio (1 semester left) and an employee at a large/well known nursing home on the Westside of Cincinnati (currently work in medication administration). The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I have personally witnessed over 40 deaths of patients in my nursing home after receiving the vaccine for Covid 19. Before the vaccine was released and throughout the entire lockdown phase, we had no cases and no deaths from Covid. After everyone was given the vaccine, we are overrun with cases and over 40 deaths within 2 months of receiving the vaccine. I have witnessed two coworkers at the nursing home get the vaccine (1 had a cardiac event immediately and now has long term visual physical disabilities such as tremors and Parkinson like symptoms). Another coworker was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer but was responding well to treatment, was coerced in getting the vaccine despite lowered immune system, started throwing up, got blood clots same day, went to ICU, found more blood clots, and died. I also have four immediate family members who have received the vaccine, had surgery (minor and healthy beforehand), and then have died (3) of pulmonary embolisms and one is in the ICU with organ failure. All within 4 days of the surgery post vaccination. I IMPLORE you to PLEASE listen to my testimony and pass HB 248 before more people die. Do not mandate any person in the State of Ohio to get this shot that doesn't want it and I pray every day it's pulled from use immediately.

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

Sincerely,
Mary Bruce