

Chairman Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide support testimony for HB 319; "The Conscientious Right to Refuse Act." I have a right to informed consent. A mandatory medical procedure, such as a vaccine, prohibits the option to decline. I have the right to say NO to any vaccine. I have the right to be fully informed and make the decision for myself without coercion. As a board certified physician, I have never coerced a patient to take any medical therapy, discriminated against or denied any service to anyone based on their personal choice to decline a medical therapy. No one should ever be discriminated against or denied service based on their vaccination status. I urge the committee members to please vote yes on HB 319.