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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 Beth Norton and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I have personal health issues that make me a risky candidate for the covid vaccine. I have a history of anaphylactic shock with three different medications. According to VAERS (a government database) hundreds of recipients of the covid vaccines have experienced anaphylactic shock after taking the vaccines (and this number only represents reported incidents in the US). The last time I experienced anaphylactic shock I was on a ventilator in the ICU for five days. That was too close to losing my life for me to be comfortable taking this vaccine.

My daughter also has a condition that makes it questionable to take the vaccine. I would hate for her to have to choose between continuing her college education or taking a vaccine that could cause her harm.

*My son has already had covid. He has the natural antibodies (which we've been told for years is the best!). **No studies have been done to see how the vaccine impacts people who have already had the disease. Speculations have been made but no studies.** He does not need the vaccine. He has natural immunity and cannot be a spreader. Again, will he have to choose between continuing his education or taking a vaccine he has zero need for and has not been tested for safety for his situation?*

I understand that vaccine injury is not common. However, according to VAERS it does happen more frequently than we'd like. As such, it has to be up to the person (in consultation with their doctor if they choose) to make the choice to take any drug or vaccine.

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

Sincerely,

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