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Dear Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee,

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248. My name is Sandra Sanders and I am a physical therapist. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I am a believer in American freedom, have seen our freedoms slowly erode over the decades, and now face this proposed mandate in which I would potentially be required to receive the Covid vaccine or face outright and/or insidious discrimination in social, work and daily living arenas of life! This is truly the road to Marxism. Please think LONG and HARD before you enter this unreturnable path. I have been a healthcare worker for 26 years so I obviously was exposed to Covid and came down with it in Dec. 2020. My doctor gave me a naturalistic plan to overcome, and with God's grace I did! What I haven't told you yet was that I also have hypertension, asthma and am overweight a bit, all potential pre-disposing factors to this disease. However, I made it. I also have had recent bilateral hip replacements, a knee replacement and spinal fusion. I still made it! However, my sense of taste and smell are not yet completely back. My doctor says my lungs "sound OK". I am an avid exerciser and enjoy many activities, and would consider myself an active, employed, engaged 67 year old. I have the antibodies. I have no desire to obtain the vaccine due to this. Now, picture if I were mandated to obtain the vaccine, what if the mRNA "pushed" my systems to the breaking point, and I actually came down with a worse case than before. There goes my activities, hobbies, and life. Would you take that risk with your life??? Some might. I don't want to. And I (and God) are in charge of my life. I should have the freedom to make that choice, without compulsion, coercion or external consequences from the government.

Another salient point is that we know there have been various health consequences from the vaccine to those who have not contracted Covid. We as yet do not know long term consequences of this vaccine. To mandate that everyone receive a vaccine that has not been "time proven" long enough is therefore unwarranted and dangerous. Are you willing to have on your conscience the wellbeing and life of everyone who will be mandated to have the vaccine should disturbing secondary outcomes arise due to the vaccine in the near future?? Let us make our own decision. And, should Covid continue, time-tested routes of protection that are verifiably safe and acceptable will become evident.

Please consider all this when you vote on HB 248. My life, all our lives, are in the balance.

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

Respectfully,

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