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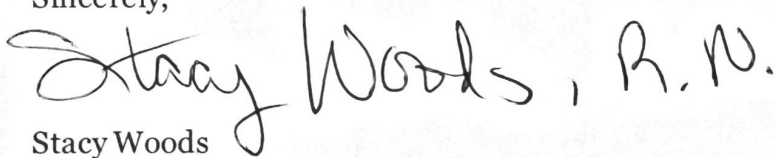
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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Stacy Woods, I am a Registered Nurse, and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because vaccines cannot safely be mandated, coerced or "incentivized". We know that all vaccines and medications in general have potential side effects which must be evaluated against the potential benefits. This evaluation must be done by the individual and their physician and must fall under HIPAA law. It is a personal decision each of us should have the right to make. Those individuals who believe the risks outweigh the benefits should not be coerced, "incentivized", or forced to expose themselves to the potential side effects. This is especially true for an experimental vaccine. Those who chose not to take the COVID-19 vaccine for conscientious, religious, or medical reasons should not have to suffer discriminatory treatment, employment or travel restrictions, or exclusion from the COVID vaccine lottery.

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

Sincerely,

  
Stacy Woods