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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 and I ask that you vote YES on HB 248.

My name is Michelle Yan and in my professional life, I have been a Chiropractic Physician for over 20 years. My husband Dominic B. Vechiarelli and I specialize in pregnancy and pediatric chiropractic care at our office in Westlake, Ohio.

In our practice, we have treated many families who have told us that their child or children may have been injured after receiving a vaccine. They were healthy and developing normally until they took a vaccine. Some families saw their healthy children change in their neurological development, development of their motor and sensory skills, speech and language delays and even more severe conditions that occurred post vaccination. Many of these families told us if they could choose again, they would made different choices and wished they had not vaccinated their children. The lives of many of our patient's children changed instantly. It is vital that parents preserve the right to make their own medical choices for their children.

Personally, I became pregnant twice before I had my oldest son who is now 8 years old. My first two pregnancies resulted in first trimester miscarriages. Since I had two repetitive miscarriages, my nurse midwives then ordered a panel of blood clotting disorders. My testing revealed that I have a single C677T mutation that results in a condition called MTHFR (Methylene-Tetra-Hydro-Folate-Reductase) mutation. This MTHFR mutation is basically a blood clotting disorder. Due to my history, I was able to find out that I have this blood clotting disorder and that taking a vaccination may impact my health therefore I believe that I have the right to choose the best medical choice for myself. In addition, my research led me to studies that Asian females with repeated miscarriages whom have the C677T Mutation should take special consideration when vaccinating their children. My interpretation of the studies led me to believe that if I were to vaccinate my children, he or she may have a higher likelihood of developing neurological or other conditions due to my mutation. As a parent, I believe it is extremely important that I have the choice to make the right decision for my children based upon research I have reviewed and my own medical opinions. As parents, it is vital for us to have the right to make our own medical choices for our children.

Preserving individual medical freedoms and rights are an essential part of the liberties and rights our forefathers have fought for in this country and I feel House Bill 248 would preserve these rights for us. I strongly believe that no one should be

discriminated for making their own health care choices. I also strongly feel; based upon my person and professional opinions that choosing to take or not take a vaccine should be a personal choice and right and no one should be mandated to do so. Please vote YES on HB 248 and preserve our rights to choose our own health care choices.

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

Respectfully,
Dr. Michelle Yan

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