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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 Amanda Taylor and I am a stay at home mom and homeschooling teacher. I support House Bill 248 because it is critical that we maintain medical freedom and have the ability to make medical choices that we believe are best for ourselves and our children. We need to be able to move freely in society, no matter which medical choices we decide.

Passing this HB 248 will protect our state from becoming a divided, two-tiered society. These passports are dangerous and will discriminate against all people. It will know no race, no religion, no gender, no sexual identity. It will discriminate against and affect anyone who is unable or chooses not to vaccinate. With a social passport we will split our society in two. People without a passport will be unable to move freely in our society and be limited in the most basic ways - unable to go to the grocery store, library, coffee shop, school, etc. We will be denied medical care. Social passports violate HIPAA, the 4th Amendment, and the Nuremberg Code. Many people are not able to receive the vaccine, several others have natural immunity, and many will choose not to receive it for various other reasons, and those people will all be cast from society. This is discrimination! Passports also place an undue burden on businesses, which is not theirs to carry.

Before we even had a mask mandate, some businesses in my town would not allow customers to shop without a mask, including my local grocery store, stating it was their personal business policy. Several stores, including my local grocery store, are turning customers away who have a medical exception (with a verified letter from a doctor). That same grocery store I referred to, is now "requesting" that unvaccinated people shop online or continue to wear a mask, even though the mandate has ended. They are rewarding customers who show their vaccine card with a discount. It's easy to see how these same problems will continue to arise and deepen once a company decides to implement a passport.

We need your support to protect our most basic rights, medical freedoms and privacy. We need you to be our voice. Thank you for supporting HB 248.

I appreciate all of your time and dedication to our state and these important issues.

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

Sincerely,

Amanda M. Taylor