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Dear 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 Brandy Best and I am a self-employed CPA, wife and mother to two boys aged 11 and 9. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because we should not be facing discrimination and rejection in society for our personal medical choices for which we take very seriously. These are decisions to be made by each individual based on their assessment of risks for receiving a vaccine or not as well as other personal factors such as religion. I want to fight for our rights of freedom so that my children continue to be able to live a life with basic freedoms and the ability to make their own medical decisions without fear of retaliation or limiting what type of job they can get, school they can go to, and even what bathroom they are allowed to use in public. (Sound familiar?)

Any sort of vaccine passport requirements to move and live freely with access to food and public services is an infringement on our constitutional rights to freedom. Additionally, employers, schools and businesses requiring unvaccinated individuals to wear masks as a punishment for not choosing a vaccine is not keeping a person's medical information private. This is putting an obvious visible marking on someone who chose not to vaccinate to provide further segregation of those. This will likely lead to poor treatment by others and retaliation by employers. This must stop! If we do not learn from history, it will repeat itself.

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

Sincerely,

Brandy Best