

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 Krista Brown and I am the mother of two children, with another on the way. I am a receptionist at a chiropractic office and also help run my family's fire protection business. I fully support House Bill 248 because every American citizen should have the freedom to make their own individual health choices and the freedom to keep those choices private. Vaccination status should not be disclosed in order to work, go to school or attend libraries, museums, parks, and other public places. Furthermore, no person should be discriminated against based on not receiving a vaccine or not providing proof of vaccination.

Who can you blame if you or your child is injured from a vaccine? No one.

H.R.5546, or the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, makes it so vaccine manufacturers can not be held liable for any product-related injuries or death. There are always risks involved with vaccination. Every human body is different and reacts differently to substances - toxic or not. You can't ethically force vaccination on someone when there are always risks and where the manufacturers can't be held liable.

My family has personally been affected by vaccine injury and it has been a long and painful road. My son's uncle is a victim of mercury poisoning and has lived the past 21 years with autism. He will never be able to care for himself and will always depend on family members to care for him. I understand many people are lucky enough to "be fine" after receiving "routine" immunizations, but not everyone is so fortunate.

History has taught us that when one medical right is taken, the rest are at risk too. Our country is based on liberty and justice for all, and if our freedoms continue to be taken away we will no longer be a free

country.

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

Sincerely,  
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