

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 Patricia Chattin AS, B.A.P.S.Y. and I am mom of 2 boys, a dental hygienist, wife of a deploying soldier and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because one of my boys have had a severe allergic reaction to a previous vaccine. As a mother watching your child experience this response to a vaccine that has been around and in use since 1991 it was scary and unknown. Since then, we have discovered numerous allergies. One of these allergies being sugar which is in all these new vaccines. I am for this bill so my son will not be discriminated against in the future for not being able to receive this vaccine or any other vaccines because of his allergic reactions. During this year I had surgery and found that I now have an allergic reaction to polyethylene glycol which is in these vaccines also. I was advised by 2 of my doctors not to receive this vaccine. Passing this bill to protect the public such as myself and son from a future without freedom and rights that are provided under the Constitution. In supporting this bill, you will be allowing individuals to choose their own medical health decisions with their doctors. Medical decisions should always be between a patient and their doctors. This past year has shown as a community that medical decisions can easily be removed from the patients. I know my son's health his doctors know his health it should never be brought to the community to take care of my immune comprised son with 20 plus food allergies. My son who has gone to school 5 days a week with only a face shield because a medical exemption and has remained healthy during this time. When at work I am about a foot away from patients all day sometimes seeing 10-13 patients a day. During this time, I have never gotten sick. I have never been afraid for my health, my husband's health, or children's health. I believe that health care should remain between a doctor and their patients and as individuals we should not have to share our medical status with a store employee, TSA agents, restaurant employees, concert employees, and sports arena employees. HIPPA was put in place to protect us as citizens. Please consider protecting our medicals rights are kept private and we are not discriminated against in the future because medically we can't take this vaccine and other vaccines.

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

Sincerely,

Patricia Chattin