

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 Lisa Costa, and I am a stay at home mom. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I am very concerned about the emotional distress my daughter is going through. Everywhere she goes, she is undergoing extreme peer pressure from her employers, friends, and teachers to get vaccinated. She doesn't feel comfortable getting the vaccine, and the authorities around her are threatening her job or saying that she'll have to be isolated from everybody else with a mask on.

She is viewed as a horrible, selfish girl just for opting out of an experimental drug that hasn't been FDA approved and has killed more people than any other vaccine combined only after the first few months. How can this be required? My daughter is a perfectly healthy young girl--it is a completely unnecessary risk to take. This is her decision, she should be able to have the freedom to make this decision without discrimination, and the House Health Committee should be fighting for her right to make this decision.

My daughter is living in severe anxiety as she is trapped between injecting something irreversible into her body against her will, or having all her future opportunities taken away. She is now undergoing emotional and psychological abuse from those around her that shame her. She has become depressed and withdrawn due to fear of her future. As a mother it rips my heart out. I urge you, please pass Bill 248. Not only for my daughter but for the future of all our children.

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

Sincerely,
Lisa Costa