

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 Jenny Elliott and I am a registered nurse and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because there has not been enough research on the COVID-19 vaccine's long term effects and therefore should not be forced upon any citizen. I am scared that my employer will force me to take the vaccine in order to keep my job. My husband and I are currently trying to expand our family and have suffered several miscarriages. We currently have an appointment in Chicago to see a reproductive endocrinologist to see if my issue is auto immune related. My body could have a further autoimmune response to the vaccine. There is so much that is unknown with this vaccine and being forced to take it could permanently prevent us from being able to have another child. My body is my body and I should have the choice to determine what I put into my body. That choice should not be taken from me and forced upon me by the government or my employer. And the legislation has been written that prevents the pharmaceutical companies from any lawsuits if found in five or ten years the vaccine causes any negative long term effects.

I also have two school aged children at home. Passing this house bill would also prevent the public school system from requiring my children to be forced to take the vaccine. My daughter had COVID-19 this spring and the only symptom she showed was congestion. She had no long term effects from the vaccine and also did not pass it to anyone in the family. There have been no long term studies on children and the vaccine. Why should we force children to take something that hasn't been tested long term? What if this vaccine causes infertility issues in my children? No one will take responsibility because the pharmaceutical companies have been given an out but my children could suffer with lasting irreversible effects.

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

Sincerely,

Jenny Elliott