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Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Dawn Etter and I am a retired Program Technician from the United States Department of Agriculture, Montgomery/Preble County Farm Service Agency and I would like to express to you the reasons that I support House Bill 248.

#### COVID-19 Vaccine

1. Covid-19 vaccine should be given to those individuals that chose to get it – it should not be a mandate by the government. It should also not prevent an individual from going into certain businesses, working at a job, or traveling because they have not received it.
2. Making this a mandate or requiring us to show a card is a violation of our medical rights. It is no one else's business if I have had the vaccine or not.
3. If someone has had Covid-19 they should not be required to get the vaccine as they may have the antibodies in their body to fight off the virus.
4. College students or 18 and under students should not be required to receive this vaccine as they do not know the effects of this vaccine and what it may have on them.

#### Other Vaccines

1. I am pro vaccine, but I do feel that infants and small children are given way too many vaccines at one time. Parents should have the opportunity to request that the vaccines be given to their children at a delayed process if they so choose.
2. The flu shot is currently given to individuals that want it but it is not a mandate.

I do feel the government not giving a choice is discrimination on me. People are coming into this country everyday and are not being discriminated against as the people that are US citizens.

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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