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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee,

My name is Coletta Germek, and I am a Doctor of Physical Therapy at my local hospital. The reason I support HB 248 is because I believe in the importance of maintaining our right to make our own healthcare decisions and also our right not to be denied services or employment due to that choice.

As a frontline healthcare worker, I fear being told by my employer in the future that if I wish to continue working there, I have to take a COVID vaccine. My fear comes from the countless vaccine injuries I have witnessed firsthand in my family, friends, community, and workplace.

A friend of our family is now in a vegetative state after suffering a major stroke two days after taking the vaccine. A past coworker of mine, only 28 y/o died from blood clots within 24 hrs of getting the vaccine. Another young coworker of mine suffered several blood clots after getting his vaccine. Furthermore, I have had many patients suffer from shingles outbreaks, paralysis, cardiac arrhythmias, chronic fatigue, and blood clots just to name a few of the adverse reactions after getting their vaccine. I have been working in our community for over 10 years and have never witnessed this many serious adverse side effects from any vaccine. Since my ability to spread truth is unable to surpass the media's ability to spread lies about of this vaccine, I feel HB248 is my only chance to protect myself and my family from being forced to take the vaccine.

We must take the necessary steps to protect our Rights to Healthcare privacy, the Right to make our own Personal Healthcare Decisions & to Prevent Discrimination.

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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