

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 HB 248.

My name is Maureen Green and I'm an RN of 27 years with both hospital/home health, pediatrics and adult nursing experience.

Six years, 12 hospitalizations, many health issues, 26 daily pills, 2 inhalers and a handful of as needed medications....this is what my life used to look like. As a single mom of 3, I spent years working with my doctor trying to figure out an effective treatment protocol. Each year I felt sicker and sicker, never achieving remission. In 2009, I experienced a 9 day hospital stay after wearing a series of clean masks over a 10 hour period. Medication, allopathic therapies, chemo, radiation, surgeries and vaccines was what I was taught would help achieve health. That's not what I was experiencing. All 3 of my children and I are fully vaccinated. I've run flu vaccine clinics in the stores.

After experiencing improvements in my health non-allopathically and learning some things I didn't learn in my nursing training, I asked God what else I didn't learn in Nursing School. That's when the vaccine topic came to my path. I have spent tens of thousands of hours researching the subject over the last 5 years. None of the information I've learned was taught in nursing school.

I've now been diagnosed with six autoimmune diseases and have an anaphylactic allergy. I can't get the vaccine because of contraindications. "Mask or vaccinate" doesn't work for me. I would love to try to go back to work, but mask and now vaccine requirements will restrict me.

Getting a medical exemption won't work. California and New York doctors are having their licenses targeted for writing valid exemptions for their patients. It is well known in the medical communities across the country, that if you write a medical exemption, you could face state board targeting. Not many are willing to do that.

We are being told to vaccinate for the vulnerable but who are they? Immunocompromised, Cancer patients, those with blood disorders and anaphylactic allergies, are all being told to vaccinate. The elderly and the children are getting it, so who are the vulnerable? The Director of the CDC has stated that if you have your vaccine you are protected.

What do you do with people like me? Will you bar us from society, treat us as lepers? Will we be harassed, threatened and attacked in society just like I experienced about the masks? This isn't our choice, this is our survival due to medical reasons. Being told "mask or vaccinate" is telling me to choose my poison. What would you choose?

Are you prepared to watch the 200+ vaccines in development be added to the required list of vaccines for employment and commerce? Where will it stop?

As a RN, who supports full informed consent between patient and health care provider, I ask you to remember those of us who don't fit into any box. Keep choice available to all constituents and the

decisions where it should be, between healthcare provider and patient. It has no place in the workplace or commerce.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for HB 248.

Sincerely,
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