

HB 248

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 Molly Hare. I am a wife, mother, and trauma/ ICU Occupational Therapist. Last Spring, myself and countless other therapists temporarily lost their acute care jobs. When we were brought back, we became frontline workers treating COVID-19 patients.

As an OT, I must uphold a Code of Ethics when treating patients. Similar Ethics must be upheld by ALL medical professionals. These same ethics are why I support of HB 248. This bill upholds the ethical principles of Beneficence, Nonmaleficence, Autonomy, Justice, and Fidelity for those who choose not to take these experimental biological drugs for COVID-19.

I speak for the frontline workers who have been through one of the most challenging years professionally. We all have had the opportunity and many have chosen not to inject ourselves with Emergency use authorization, experimental biological drug. A drug that does not prevents transmission with the current data.

Many frontline workers have already had the virus and have acquired both T-Cells and Antibodies (which occurs with natural immunity and not with the current vaccines). Many prefer to rely on their own natural immunity or have their own personal beliefs & values on how they care for their body.

In addition, there are also safety risks. Dr. Angelina Farella, AFLDS Pediatric Medical Director states, "We've never seen this level of side effects for any vaccine without the FDA taking action. The Rotavirus vaccine was pulled for 15 cases of non-lethal side effects and the Swine Flu vaccine was pulled for 25 deaths. But now, by the CDC's own data, we are seeing a 12,000 percent increase in deaths with these vaccines and they're still talking about giving this to our kids."

Where there is risk, there must be choice. *Please consider the ethical principles of Beneficence, Nonmaleficence, Autonomy, Justice, and fidelity for those who choose not to take this drug.*

If my employer requires this drug to work, I will have to decide between my health and my job to support my family. For these reasons, and many more, *I support House Bill 248.*

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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