

To: 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 Rosamarie Harry, I am a behavior technician in the Dayton, Ohio area working towards a Master of Science in Education for school counseling. I am writing to express my support of House Bill 248.

While I have been in the workforce and also working on my degrees, I have also been battling stage 3 brain cancer. I was diagnosed when I was only 10 weeks pregnant with my son. All of my doctors disagreed on what my course of treatment should be, so ultimately it came down to me to decide what I thought was best for me and my son. I have the right to accept or deny any medical treatment that I choose. This right to accept or deny medical procedures applies to all areas of medicine as it is our body and no one else's.

I am very concerned for our society. If our employers get to dictate what drugs or medical procedures we receive, where will it end? If you allow them to violate our medical rights there will be no end, they will cross every boundary. Our employers do not get access to our medical records for a very good reason- to protect us from medical discrimination. If our people must choose between a job and an unwanted procedure, that is not freedom. It is also pertinent to recognize that there is no "one size fits all" procedure or medication. Everyone reacts to substances differently whether it be food, plants, fabrics, medications, etc. We all have different bodies, it is ignorant to believe that the same drugs will work the same on everyone, therefore it should be illegal to require it.

I stand in support among many others in our community to pass House Bill 248. We should be solely responsible for our own health and our children's health. I will not allow mine and my child's health and privacy to be compromised.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rosamarie Harry