

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 Vicki Goodhands Marlow. I am real estate investor and farmer in Jackson Township, Montgomery County.

At almost 70 years old, I have lived through some amazing, terrible and life changing history. Some of the most vivid and frightening were during the civil rights era in the sixties. My family was mixed race. My sister and I had the blessing of being raised by forward thinking and inclusive parents. People were referred to as good folks and not so good folks or strangers. We didn't hear people being described as color or by their religious affiliations. During that time I remember people separating and being in fear to go about their daily business. We were not allowed to go out and play in the neighborhood with our friends because of angry groups rioting from all different sides.

My children never had to live that, thank God, but now I find myself strongly urging my adult grandchildren to listen to these memories, go back and study your history because those of us from my generation and older will tell you that the current climate we are living in is full of red flags. The freedoms that you have been living with and may take for granted are in jeopardy.

We are once again being separated. We are being marked labeled. Our private medical information made public. We are being told that we need to be tracked / traced and masked. Jobs and livelihoods being held over employees heads if they do not vaccinate. The mental, emotional and physical damage to children being segregated and masked is at this point unmeasurable.

I want my 7 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren to know feeling of gratefulness and pride we can enjoy under the freedoms we are assured in our constitution and that government, the

dedicated individuals we choose, work for us .

I respectfully request very thoughtful consideration of HB 248 and what our future will look like if the current trend of chipping away at our fundamental rights, the very foundation our state and our country continues. Once our foundation is compromised, we all fall in short order.

Where there is risk, there must be the individual's right to choose. My Body, My Choice For All!

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248

Regards,

Vicki Goodhands Marlow