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Dear 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 Katherine Nigro and I am a small business owner and a mom of three. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe that medical freedom is of utmost importance. I am a previous pharmaceutical employee with a Biology/Chemistry degree and my past career involved analyzing and interpreting clinical studies. After reviewing a large amount of clinical studies pertaining to the various Covid Vaccines and the Covid-19 disease state, I firmly believe that there is not enough long term data for me to feel comfortable getting a Covid vaccine or vaccinating my children. In addition, there are many red flags within the clinical studies that highlight the inadequacy of the studies to find true, valid efficacy results. Also, when comparing the absolute risk reduction to the relative risk reduction of the Covid vaccines, the questionable efficacy benefit certainly does not weigh the probable and already seen risks. After much review of the CDC's VAERS websites Covid vaccine data, I am also alarmed at the deaths and adverse events being reported. Did you know that there is a Harvard Study that concluded that only 1% of vaccine side effects actually get reported to the VAERS database? It is also important to note that there are many medical conditions, such as autoimmune diseases, that have never been studied in regards to the administration and long term effects of this vaccine. Fertility is also another cause of concern, especially in the post approval phase of this experimental therapy - as many women are experiencing blood clotting issues during their menstrual cycles post vaccination.

After my continuous and extensive research, I have made the firm decision that it is in my family's best medical interest to decline this Covid-19 vaccine. Thus, it is of importance to me, and many others, that Covid vaccines never become mandatory and for those who oppose this experimental therapy, that we never experience discrimination in work, school, and travel situations, among others.

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

Sincerely,

Katherine Nigro

