

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 Carol Nisly and I am a stay at home mom, business owner, and run a non-profit. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because having the right to choose whether my family, myself, or anyone who has made the United States of America their home has the right to decide for themselves if they want to get any vaccination or not. I am not an anti-vaccination person, but I do believe in the right to choose, wait, research and decide when/if the time is right to proceed with a vaccine. I know many with medical conditions and requiring such vaccines can be harmful to their well-being. Every life is important and worth fighting for! No one person, government or committee should decide if I need a vaccination. Furthermore, I find it troubling and hypocritical that as a country we have laws in place to keep our personal medical records and decisions private and yet with one pandemic so quickly business owners, corporations and government can decide that we are no longer protected and could have to give up our medical privacies.

Our country is in a battle of discrimination as I write this letter. That is a pandemic. Any one person that would then be required to show a medical card with proof of vaccination or not is only going to cause the people of our great country to continue to divide and discriminate against each other. Part of what makes any person, family, business, government, or relationship succeed are each of us involved having a different opinion or viewpoint and still respecting, honoring, and serving each other in the same accord without discrimination or without a “my way or the highway” attitude.

It would be a dishonor to every person that fought for the freedoms that we have in this country to start to strip those away from the American people. I am thankful to be able for my voice to be heard and ask my leaders and government to listen to ALL the people. Not just those speaking out of power, money, fear, manipulation, and ultimate control, but to listen and vote with all voices heard. My prayer for our country is that leaders like yourselves will begin to fight back and be the voice of those like myself that feel we are being forgotten and remember what our country was founded on and why! I think of the leaders before us and their courage to take a stand, so remember them and the battles they were fighting as you fight ours!

“Give me Liberty or give me death.” Patrick Henry.

“If we lose freedom here, there is no place to escape to. This is the last stand on earth.” Ronald Reagan

“The time is always right to do what is right.” Martin Luther King Jr.

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.” Abraham Lincoln

“People are more impressed by the power of our example rather than the example of our power.” Bill Clinton

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

Sincerely,
Carol Nisly