

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 Cheryl Oxley, and I am a working mother of 2 and a licensed foster parent. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe in our right to choose, as well as our right to health privacy. Science tells us that no two individuals are the same, which indicates we each have individual needs that vary from others; therefore, we all have unique health care requirements. I am a proponent for HB 248 because I support people having the right to choose what is best for them and their families, especially regarding anything being taken into one's body. Additionally, I support privacy. In no way does requiring a vaccine passport or health tracking at a place of business allow for that privacy to be maintained. This type of system or requirement is a complete violation of privacy.

Finally, this country was founded on individual rights and freedoms. Allowing forms of tracking, even worse making it a requirement to participate in society, completely negates the rights and freedoms that we all enjoy. If we allow this ONE thing to no longer be a choice, and we make this ONE thing a requirement for ALL, where does it stop? Some may not see this as concerning, but what about the next thing that is no longer a choice and the next freedom that is taken? At some point removing freedom of choice will impact all of us. This is a slippery slope and that is why I am asking for your support of House Bill 248. Please do not allow our state to start mandating things that should always be a choice.

I thank you kindly for your time and consideration of my testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Be Well,  
-Cheryl Oxley