

Dear Healthy Committee Chairman Lipps, Representative Gross and cosponsors representatives Loychik, Vitale, Fowler Arthur, Click, Creech, Brinkman, Wiggam, Stoltzfus, Jordan, Dean, Zeltwanger, McClain, Merrin, Edwards and Ferugson. Thank you for allowing me to submit my proponent testimony today for HB 248.

HB 248 is one of the most important legislations that we have needed since the beginning of the pandemic. Both myself and my two children have been vaccine injured in the past and we need strong legislation to protect our rights to choose all medical procedures and products and have these decisions be confidential between ourselves and our medical providers only.

In 2013 I was receiving pressure from my then employer to receive the flu shot. After complying with their request, the night of my vaccine injection I awoke to an extremely swollen, red arm and I was very sick. I returned to the place that I received the injection the next day and they diagnosed my arm as having cellulites and sent me to my personal physician. That was last time I received any vaccine.

My now 22 year old college student suffered injuries on two separate occasions and developed an auto immune disease from those injuries that she still suffers from today. My now 20 year old college student son was injured at 14 months old and his injuries changed his life.

The protection that we can receive from HB 248 is so important to myself and my family, to our future life and employment and to our freedom to live the life we desire. I am also a health care professional with over 33 years of experience and still currently work full time caring for cancer patients. Health privacy is of the utmost importance and MUST be maintained for all. As a matter of fact, when I was recently asked in a group setting if I had received my covid 19 shot I immediately responded by saying that I was sorry but my personal medical information was private and that is not something I discuss. You could have heard a pin drop. How did we get here? We need to re-establish medical privacy and that it is NOT OK to be asking this question of anyone. HB 248 can certainly get us back in line with our health privacy.

Another issue my college student children have suffered through this last year is tracking. This has turned many of their friends and fellow students against one another. It has been horrible and makes absolutely no sense in a population that isn't effected by covid anyway, and the so called "science" on the asymptomatic spread from young people is absolutely exaggerated.

Lastly my concern about any kind of vaccine passport system can change the lives of those of us that choose not to receive any vaccines. Our employment could be at risk with no way to support our families. Also travel and the mere act of attending a concert or just going shopping can be stripped from us leaving us virtually trapped in the confines of our own house and yard. The ironic thing is that the vast majority of people that refuse vaccines are some of the healthiest people walking this wonderful earth.

God made our bodies strong and immune systems have, and will always be, more efficient at protecting us then any pharmaceutical could.

Thank you for creating this bill and supporting our medical freedoms and privacy.

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