

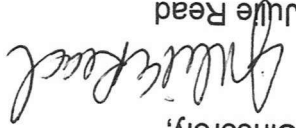
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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Julie Read, I am a stay at home mom of two children. The reason I support House Bill 248 is simply I believe in an individual's ability to make informed decisions regarding personal medical procedures for myself and my children. The wonderful thing about informed consent is that two people with the same information, can make two completely different choices and neither of them is right or wrong. That is what medical freedom is and should continue to be. There are benefits and risks to every medical procedure. What's right for one person, may be wrong for the other. Both, on an intuitive and biological level. When there is a risk, there should always be a choice. An individual should be able to opt out of a medical procedure without scrutiny or discrimination from schools, community organizations and most especially employers. I strongly support HB 248 because it simply boils down to maintaining our freedoms, about preserving fundamental human rights and not receiving discrimination based on our pharmaceutical product consumption.

I am not against vaccinations and to me, this bill has nothing to do with vaccinations, it has everything to do with maintaining our medical freedom. I support this bill because the government, employers and schools should not dictate medical treatment. Mandated medical treatment is a violation of our basic freedoms outlined in the constitution.

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

Sincerely,  
  
Julie Read