

*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 Stephanie Lee, I am a healthcare professional and a mother and I am writing in support of passing HB 248 to defend our most basic individual liberties and ensure our bodily autonomy remains intact. I believe it is critical to avoid restrictions, mandates or pressures that discriminate against one's vaccination choice.

After my son experienced adverse neurological symptoms (that were listed on the vaccine insert itself) following several of his childhood vaccinations, it caused us, along with our pediatrician, to pause and look critically at my son's health, personal risk factors, and make an educated decision about what was best for his health. The decision to take any medical product is one that should be evaluated and considered thoroughly and made on an individual basis with proper informed consent.

This is why I believe this bill is important because no one should fear discrimination for that choice. It's even more important now, when this latest vaccination technology has never been used in this manner as a one size fits all product for an entire population. The studies that have been done are still limited with a narrow scope of information and timeframe. There are still many unknowns and we have already witnessed adverse reactions unfold that did not show up in clinical trials. It's also extremely concerning that we have not been given transparency and open discourse in regards to the research that substantiates this new technology of vaccination, even as we rolled it out quickly to pregnant populations that hadn't even been included in the trials. Even more importantly, the manufacturers are immune from liability for damage caused by a faulty product in this particular category, regardless of Emergency Use Authorization.

If we don't have a choice over what we do with our own bodies, what do we have?

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

*Sincerely,  
Stephanie Lee*