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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.

I am a wife and mother of two and live in New Albany, OH. I have a bachelor's degree in finance and master's degree in business administration. I spent several years in the insurance industry and currently am a stay-at-home parent and work part time as a bookkeeper for a non-profit organization. I am a strong proponent of vaccine choice and medical choice for all Americans.

I firmly believe in freedom in the United States. I firmly believe in the freedom of medical choice for myself and my family. I believe the choice of a medical procedure, including injections, should be private between a doctor and their patient only. I believe every citizen should have the choice to decide if a vaccine of any type is right for them given their own personal medical history and knowing all the possible risks, up to and including possible death. No medical intervention makes sense for everyone, not just for the Covid19 vaccine but for all medical procedures and injections.

People are cheering for discrimination, segregation, and prejudice in regard to a person's vaccine status. This is wrong! It is wrong based on sex, based on gender, based on skin color and based on vaccine status. It is all very, very wrong.

I am witnessing discrimination firsthand from the church I was married in and from neighbors and friends. A church in Columbus, OH has just instituted a policy in which unvaccinated parishioners will be separated from vaccinated parishioners during church services. Examples like this one are prevalent all throughout Ohio and it is wrong!

I ask the House Health Committee to vote in favor of House Bill 248 to protect the freedom of medical choice, to protect privacy and prohibit discrimination regarding these choices.

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

Sincerely,

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