

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 Ellen Ellis, and I am a full-time employee working for my local water department and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I feel that you should have the choice to weather you want to get vaccinated or not. I have severe anxiety and the thought of not being able to decide whether I get vaccinated is harming my life. I do not want to have to get the vaccine because I will lose my job if I do not get it. I have friends that have separated from me since I am choosing to not get vaccinated. I do not want to put this in my body when there is not enough research done on this vaccine. We for years have been working on the flu vaccine and it is still not correct. Yes, people are dying but they are also dying from the vaccine. I am choosing as an adult and human being with the right to do so to not vaccinate and take my chance. At least fighting off an illness to me is better than fighting the unknown that was put in my body. To me this has made my anxiety extremely hard to deal with at this time. I am not wanting to deal with the unknown of this vaccine and I am hoping that we will be able to continue to make our own decisions and not be forced into something like this. Please vote this bill in so that employers and businesses cannot force this vaccine onto people and put them in situations where they must make awful decisions about leaving their employment or taking the vaccine by force. We have always had the choice of what we want to do to our bodies let's not change that. Please help my anxiety by voting yes on Bill 248 but not just helping my anxiety but I am sure the anxiety of many others.

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

Sincerely,

Ellen Ellis