

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 Erin Kessler and I am a mother, a nurse, a Christian, and a military wife, and the reason that I support House Bill 248 is because I do not believe that myself or any individual should be required to receive a mandated vaccination or medical procedure, to be allowed to work or attend school. My personal health history, religious beliefs, and vaccination status do not define my nursing skill and has no bearing on whether I can fulfill my duties as a nurse or health care provider. As a nurse, I care for patient's regardless of their social economic class, race, health history, or vaccination status. It is disheartening and very stressful to think that I may lose my job if I do not agree to consent to having a medical procedure or vaccination that my employer may require, but that my employer has no liability if I have an adverse reaction or adverse side effect and I am unable to work or support my family. Individuals should have the freedom to choose what goes into their bodies, my body my choice. I take a lot of pride in caring for my body by eating right, exercising, and actively participating in self-care and I do not feel that anyone has the right to tell me what I am going to put into my body or my children's bodies. People choose not to have medical procedures or vaccinations due to person beliefs, religious beliefs, or medical reasons. Individuals should have the right to make their own best decision for themselves and they should not be forced, mandated, coerced, and or discriminated against based on their decision. Mandating a medical treatment/vaccine or a vaccine passport violates our constitutional rights and the Nuremberg code. Please support House Bill 248 to protect the freedom of choice and our god given rights.

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kessler