

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 Jenna Cousineau and I have been a nurse at Cincinnati Children's Hospital for 15 years. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe very strongly that we, as nurses, deserve the same rights and freedoms as the patients we care for every single day. I am not allowed to deny or force any treatments on my patients and have to support everything they want regardless of my own beliefs. It is incredibly unfair that now I'm facing termination because I want the same freedoms. I have read the data, I have looked at the statistics, I know the numbers, I take my health seriously. My husband is a personal trainer, we work out often, eat well, and take our vitamins. I do not fear covid and I will not be coerced into a medical procedure to protect me from it. The CDC is stating that vaccinated individuals can still contract and spread the virus. I see no point in consenting to this medical procedure that will not provide full protection. Especially a procedure that we have ZERO long term data on. They have no proof of what this will do to us in 2 years, let alone 10. I have suffered from infertility issues and had 3 miscarriages in the past 4 years. Seeing data that the vaccine can accumulate in the ovaries is not something I want to add to my already complicated history. My brother in law was forced to get vaccinated to continue flying for his airline and is now grounded because he's been having cardiac complications following the first dose. He was previously healthy and they can't find a good reason for what he's suffering from. Finally, there is data that the vaccines were made with and/or tested using cell lines of aborted fetuses. Abortion is something I am strongly against and goes against my religious beliefs. For these reasons I am strongly in favor of HB 248.

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

Sincerely,
Jenna Cousineau RN