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Chairman Lipps
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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 mom and caretaker to a child with a rare disease. I am writing to express my strong support of House Bill 248 because it preserves the right for a parent to choose whether to vaccinate themselves and their family.

For years, one of the main areas of bipartisan policy interest and agreement has focused on driving towards a personalized approach to health care. Most agree that a one-size fits all approach to medicine is not the best way to care for the masses. By leveraging innovative tools and technology we have made great strides towards a personalized approach to managing cancer and other serious health conditions. I have personally experienced the value in uncovering individual health markers that lead to serious health problems. After my son was born, I spent several years uncovering the reasons why he was born with his rare disease to find out about certain underlying genetic and metabolic factors within my own body that likely contributed or caused his condition. Things like not being able to clear toxic heavy metals such as mercury were unknown to me until I went through extensive testing and researching.

When it comes to the COVID-19 vaccination, it appears that the personalized approach to health and wellness has been totally ignored. Our government is strongly encouraging and now starting to mandate mass vaccinations in absence of ample clinically tested and peer reviewed data providing details on how these vaccinations may impact the short and long term health of

individuals. Are studies to determine the impact of underlying conditions and other basic genetic and metabolic markers that would impact individuals differently being conducted? We sorely need this information in order to make an informed decision about whether or not to vaccinate. I am not anti-vaccine, but the notion that our government is pushing vaccines on our society without the required long term clinical testing that would provide this type of detail so that informed decisions can be made is astonishing to me. Even for a rare disease like my son has- Lowe Syndrome- testing drugs that are already approved for market takes many years of clinical trials. COVID-19 vaccines should be treated in the same way.

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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