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Dear Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and
Members of the House Health Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 248. My name is Johnna McCaulley. I am a wife and mother of two children, as well as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. The reason I support HB 248 is because I support personal freedoms and bodily autonomy. I feel it is every individual's right to protect their health in the manner they see fit. I do not believe in government, or employers, mandating a vaccine, or any other product, that would be injected, ingested or otherwise, which could cause harm.

The COVID-19 vaccine is an experimental mRNA gene altering therapy that has not been tested for safety long term. There is no concrete proof that this intervention would not cause harm, as adverse reactions have occurred in a variety of people. As of July 9, 2021, there have been 10,991 deaths and 30,781 hospitalizations from the COVID-19 vaccine, as reported on VAERS COVID vaccine data page. Who can assure me I would not add to one of these numbers if I was forced to get injected? Where there is risk, there absolutely must be choice.

Furthermore, this vaccine has not been shown to be 100 percent effective, as some it had previously reported. People who are fully vaccinated are still being hospitalized, and even dying. Now the CDC is talking continued masking, and needed booster shots. Is this product failing? Why should I be forced to take a product that may not protect me from getting sick, may not prevent me from being hospitalized or dying, and does not prevent transmission? Who will be held liable for a failed product that caused me harm? I know it would not be the pharmaceutical company, as they are exempt from liability. Would it be the government or my employer who implemented the mandate?

I fear a vaccine mandate. I do not believe this product is the best protection I could give myself and my family, and I do not believe it will protect others. I will stand strong in my convictions and will protect myself and my family from possible harm this product can cause, and I will continue to protect myself and my family through safer alternatives. My hope is that I will continue to work and function freely in society. We need you, our representatives, to support our freedoms to make our own medical decisions, our right to medical privacy and our protection from discrimination.

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

Sincerely,

Johnna McCaulley