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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.

My name is Karen Drury and I am a medical records coordinator for a large health system in the Dayton area. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because my company recently issued a vaccine mandate in which all employees regardless of in office or work from home status, vendors, suppliers and any other parties that come into our facilities must be vaccinated. Employees who refuse to get vaccinated will be terminated. It was originally written with only 3 weeks to fill out and submit religious and medical exemptions but was revised to add another 7 weeks. The mandate included a FAQ sheet which stated women who are pregnant, nursing or trying to conceive cannot get an exemption. They later revised that and said if an OB/GYN can sign for the woman they can be exempt, however, they are still claiming it is safe for women in these stages of life but have developed a panel of doctors to review the facts. Before mandating a women should get it would have been a better time for a panel discussion.

The company is literally dictating who should be vaccinated with no regard for a person's basic right to control their own body and healthcare choices. Those of us who oppose this mandate are being bullied and looked down on for not being vaccinated. These are crazy times and people are so easily drawn astray. We need to fight back while we are still able to fight. Mandates on health care and discrimination based on compliance have got to stop.

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

Sincerely,

Karen Drury