

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo and Members of the Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Matthew Niemer and I am a firefighter/paramedic. The reasons I support HB248 are:

1. Medical Freedom, my medical decisions should be based on what I want based on my personal beliefs and research. Not on what my employer feels I should have.
2. Overreach of government into private lives of citizens. The government can offer things and research but in the end unless we live in a communistic society force of medical procedures should be illegal.
3. This vaccine is not FDA approved and no one bears the burden or expense for someone who experiences an injury from it, if we allow this to go through it will only embolden the pharmaceutical companies to push more medicine and vaccines through with less research and development leading to more underdeveloped and dangerous vaccines and medical procedures which will inturn negatively affect the medical field and the integrity of the field.
4. When businesses require vaccine passports it creates an discriminatory environment against people who cannot receive the vaccine either because of choice or because of medical issues.
5. Science is always evolving and changing, so therefore if you are going to mandate a vaccine then I feel that there should be parties that are liable if someone has adverse reaction, and those parties should be the ones that are mandating them.
6. If we don't stand up now and stop this overreach will not stop and the discrimination and intimidation will and grow stronger with more and more forced mandates, this is not nazi Germany "forced" medical procedures should not be required.
7. I worked all of last year and a half with no vaccine and no one had a problem with me being unvaccinated then I was not deemed unsafe by governor Dewine when it was to their benefit. I was out and about being exposed to all different kinds of illnesses not just Covid, and now suddenly I am the source of all our problems, I think not.

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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