

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

My name is Melissa Miller. I am a high school teacher. I support House bill 248 because it is a freedom bill, and America is about Freedom. Our country began because of the search for freedom. People still come to America because of the freedom that our great country offers. America is also the country that allows choices, and this bill is about choices. This bill also offers privacy. We have HIPPA laws, but in our current time, the HIPPA laws do not seem to be enough. I am concerned about the vaccine cards. The use of these cards allows for widespread discrimination, and one tenet that is so important to what America stands for is not allowing discrimination. America is not perfect in that area, but we are working to do better, so why go backward and invent another reason for people to experience discrimination? There are many reasons that people have for not wanting a vaccine, and those reasons are just as important as the reasons that others have for getting the vaccine. This is the Land of the Free – Protect our Freedoms.

Thank you for considering my testimony regarding the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Sincerely,

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