

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 Trisha Masoner-Koprivec, and I am a Certified Surgical Technologist, and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I do not believe in discrimination in medical care. I have been in the medical field for almost twenty years and I've never seen such discrimination. I don't get to pick and choose who I take care of. Mandating vaccines, approved or non-approved, is unconstitutional. As a surgical technologist, I take great pride in saving lives in the OR. I follow the universal precautions on a daily basis when coming in contact with my patients, and have been educated on disease processes. We as health care workers have worn masks day in and day out, not only to protect our patients, but our families and ourselves. Now you are telling me I have to do more when my mask has been good enough since the beginning of horrible mess! I have been around and treated patients when there was no PPE to protect me, but I still took care of my patients because I took that oath. I would rather take my chance and contract covid than get this vaccine. A shot that we have no idea what the long term effects are! You can do all the studies you want but that does not guarantee my health!!! I live in America where I have the right to choose! Do not try to take that away! You will have a fight on your hands. Our forefathers built this country and our soldiers have sacrificed more than any of us could ever imagine and for what.... To be told we no longer have a choice in what goes in our bodies! There is a shortage on medical staff... that is old news. What is going to happen to all the medical staff when this is made mandatory regardless? I am willing to give up my career that I've worked so hard for.... I am not the only one willing to sacrifice... Do the right thing and shut this nonsense down or covid will be the least of your worries.

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