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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 Trudee Moore, I am Radiologic Technologist and a mother. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe in freedom of choice and where there is RISK, there should ALWAYS be a CHOICE.

Mandatory vaccination policies and forced healthcare goes against bodily autonomy.

The Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution begins with "The right of the people to be secure in their persons...", a recognition of the universal and fundamental natural right of bodily integrity. Not only is bodily autonomy a human right, it is the foundation upon which other human rights are built. The Supreme Court has decided that competent adults have the right to refuse medical treatment if they so wish. Body autonomy is the right for a person to govern what happens to their body without external influence or coercion. Collective decision-making is common across cultures, societies and governments. But group decisions cannot circumscribe the rights of individuals.

I do not feel that an employer or college etc., should be able to mandate a vaccine that hasn't even been FDA approved. This particular vaccine has been approved for emergency use only, and therefore should be completely voluntary by individuals. An employer will not be held liable, a physician will not be held liable, the drug manufacturer will not be held liable if I were to suffer an adverse side effect or even die from this EMERGENCY USE ONLY VACCINE, however I will be held liable, meaning terminated from my job, if I don't willing consent to this vaccine. However, I can NOT give informed consent to the COVID-19 vaccine because the information is not available. I believe in science; I believe in information. Where are the studies that show the vaccines effect on pregnant women? Where are the studies that show the effect on fertility? Where are the studies that show the effect on people who have a preexisting clotting disorder (like myself)? Where are the studies that show the effect on menstruation and menopause? Where are the studies that show the long-term side effects of these vaccines??? Until these studies exist, no one can give informed consent, and without informed consent, no one should be mandated to receive this vaccine.

I am not against vaccines, but I am against my employer being legally allowed to force me to take a vaccine that has not been properly tested and studied OR lose my job. I have been working with patients throughout the entire pandemic with the lack of provided PPE and that was good enough for them. So why now must I choose between keeping my job or taking a possibly toxic vaccine that has too many unknown variables? That should be my decision! It is well known at this point that the vaccine does not prevent getting and spreading the COVID-19 virus. New studies show that they are only 76% and 42% effective (Moderna and Pfizer) and now there is talk of needing a booster shot. Again, why are we being forced to take a non-FDA approved vaccine that is not even close to being fully effective and causes severe adverse side effects, plus has a high rate of breakthrough infections.

Below is a statement from OSHA that I personally find genuinely concerning:

Employers are no longer required to record employee adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines in OSHA 300 Logs.

Guidance issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") on April 20, 2021 required employers to record adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines when an employee's ability to work was affected. However, on May 22, 2021, OSHA suspended the recording requirement until May of 2022.

OSHA stated that it eliminated employers' recording requirement for adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines to avoid disincentivizing employers' vaccination efforts and discouraging workers from receiving vaccinations. Without the recording requirement, employers should feel more confident about implementing vaccine policies to further return to work efforts.

The bottom line is, at least until May of 2022, employers do not need to track and record employees' adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines.

Again, this is highly concerning to me...please re-read that second paragraph again... "Without the recording requirement, employers should feel more confident about implementing vaccine policies to further return to work efforts." To me, they are basically saying "Don't let your employees know about adverse reactions or else they may resist getting the vaccine." This contradicts INFORMED CONSENT.

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

Sincerely, Trudee Moore