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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 Tamara Huss, and I am a physical therapist and a mother of two boys, and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I support an individuals' rights to vaccine choice.

In July, 2016 I was diagnosed with breast cancer, and I found out the cause of my cancer was the flu vaccine. With cancer treatment and genetic testing, I found out that I have a defect in the PON1 gene, which is responsible for metabolizing or breaking down heavy metals, pesticides, and pharmaceutical drugs in our bodies. We also found out that my son and my mother have the same genetic defect in the PON1 gene that I do.

Unfortunately, vaccines contain many fillers and chemicals that are harmful to our bodies, and even more harmful to others, depending on their genetic make-up. With that being said, my family and I will be avoiding all future vaccines, and I am strongly against them being mandated or required for work/school/travel/everyday life. We would hope to be able to safely decline vaccines without being discriminated against. And, I would also hope to be able to decline vaccines at work, without fear of losing my job, as I am a Physical Therapist in a major hospital.

A cancer diagnosis is not something anyone wants to go through, and the year I was diagnosed was one of the toughest years of my life. Unless you know the long term effects of vaccines and your genetic make-up, vaccines could be harmful for you too. Therefore, I believe vaccines should be a choice and not mandated.

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

Sincerely,

Tamara Huss

## **Support Ohio House Bill 248**

