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 Lindsey Pierce and I am a preschool teacher and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because it provides freedom for individuals to choose what is best for themselves. Everyone's health concerns are different and it is the government's job to make sure we have and maintain our freedoms, without freedoms are we really America anymore? I also believe having forced policies in regard to medical treatment can cause division and we are trying to be a united land. I wish to help create that unity by keeping our freedoms in place. My father didn't serve for many years in the military to have my voice and choice be stripped away from me. Nor did anyone else who served or is serving have that in mind.

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

Sincerely,

**Lindsey Pierce**