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.

I received a notice from my employer recently that stated the fastest path to a reopening is through Mass public vaccination. We were encouraged to take this new experimental injection and state publicly that we got the shot, and reasons for why we did it. We were given reasons to state why we got the shot such as I got the shot for work, theater, live music, for my local bar, etc. We were also encouraged to make a video stating we all got the shot and they gave us t-shirts too.

It's fine that many people believe that, but there are some of us who have medical conditions or strongly held beliefs that the vaccine can cause us more harm than the virus. After being convicted of fraud for tens of billions of dollars, and not being liable for any vaccine product, I do not blindly believe that these big pharma companies have my best interest at heart. I do not believe that this matter has been has been presented to the public in an honest way.

I do not believe that in this day in America that people would think it's okay to demand my personal medical information for shopping, traveling, school, work, or any other actions to take part in a free society.

I have two young children and I don't think it is okay to discriminate against them or anyone who chooses not to take this experimental injection. And that is clearly happening now.

My employer also stated:

"If you don't believe in vaccines and are choosing not to receive one I totally understand and....f*ck....no I don't understand, its crazy, just get a damn vaccine!"

Please vote to keep America a free country. We cannot move forward with a 2 tier society. This is America. We are better than that.

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

Sincerely, Hugh Bascom