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

My name is Chris Clements and I am a software and systems engineer. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I fear that companies are being pressured to enact restrictions for employment related to personal healthcare matters. In the past this would be protected by the HIPPA act. It is unclear how we are justifying circumventing existing laws meant to protect the public from targeting by employers and the insurance industry. House Bill 248 would assure your constituency that they are protected against such targeting and reinforce excellent legislation like HIPPA.

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

Sincerely, Chris Clements