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 Carrie Daugherty and I am a Registered Nurse and International Board Certified

Lactation Consultant and the reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe that every

American should have the right to choose what goes into their body. What is right for an

individual today, may not be what is right tomorrow and vice versa. Individual circumstances,

health status, reasons, and choices are ever changing in one's life. An individual should have the

right to choose if and when they accept or decline medical therapies of any kind, including

vaccines. There are millions of healthy Americans who have little to no risk of succumbing to a

particular disease for which a vaccine may have been developed. They have no need to take a

vaccine for a disease their bodies are capable of fighting off, while naturally developing more

effective immunity. This has always been and needs to remain a personal choice.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and

urgency of House Bill 248.

Sincerely,

Carrie Daugherty RN, IBCLC

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