My name is Katie. I am a Registered nurse in Dayton. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because medical freedom of choice is imperative to everyone. Just as some people cannot take certain antibiotics, or other medications, some cannot take vaccinations. I have personally been discriminated against and punished for not being able to take the flu shot annually. I have now been forced to wear a mask at work every "flu season" for 10 years; and in fact have now been wearing a mask for almost 2 years straight at work between "flu season" and then covid restrictions. As a healthcare provider, our first job is to do no harm. And every single medical intervention MUST be explained and the patient must give INFORMED CONSENT. Every patient has the option to either consent or decline said intervention. Vaccination is an intervention...one that has effectiveness that is questionable at best. Please maintain patient rights and citizens rights and freedoms.

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

Sincerely, Katie, RN