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Dear 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 Miriam. I am a mom of 3 and also work full time in the electrical supply industry. I support House Bill 248 because medical decisions should be left up to the individual. I support bodily autonomy. No medical intervention should ever be mandated. I believe that if there is any risk whatsoever there should always be a choice without being coerced. My family does not vaccinate based on our sincerely held religious beliefs. We should not be denied employment, education or access to goods or services based on our religious beliefs.

Many people do not vaccinate for other reasons such as reasons of conscience or medical reasons. We must also protect their ability to decline any medical procedure including vaccines.

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

Sincerely, Miriam Zema