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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 Barbara E. Stone, and I am an author, educator, and retired Social Worker. I am submitting written only testimony and am a proponent of House Bill 248.

Thirty years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I was in a doctoral program for Clinical Psychology at the time and wrote my doctoral thesis on the emotional factors influencing cancer survival, published in its popular form as *Cancer As Initiation: Surviving the Fire*. As part of my research, I studied how the immune system works and started multiple ways of supporting my own immune system so I could get into the 50% of people diagnosed with cancer who survive. Now, at age 72, I am so grateful to be in radiant health.

The possibility of requirement of vaccines for employment, education, travel, or public events disturbs me greatly, as it violates our constitutional rights to freedom of choice of how we choose to care for our physical bodies. While I have had many vaccinations, the current m-RNA experimental gene therapy injections are not really vaccines. They are an experiment to tamper with our DNA to supposedly protect people from dying from the COVID-19 virus, but the injections do not prevent infection or transmission of the virus. The method is to inject a synthetic spike protein that resembles the spike protein on the COVID-19 virus into a person's arm to stimulate the body to form antibodies to this one pathogen. One of the main problems with the experiment, and the reason that approximately 25,000 people have died following the injection, is that this spike protein itself is a toxin. The idea that I could be required to have a toxin injected into my system makes me shudder! The spike protein toxin goes to the nervous system, circulatory system, and reproductive system. Many women injected have had miscarriages. The US birth rate fell by 4% last year, the biggest drop in the past 50 years. The long-term effects on fertility have not been studied and are a major concern for the future of our species.

In addition, the statistics about this "pandemic" have not been accurate. The test used to diagnose COVID-19 was recently exposed as incompetent, because they were using 40 cycles of the test, which would find fragments of any kind of virus in the system. The proper number of cycles was 17. If a person had a common cold, the test would be positive. Dangers were exaggerated in mainstream media to scare people into accepting an unproven experimental gene therapy. The death rate for 2020 was not significantly different from 2019, and the overall death rate from the SARS-cov-2 virus is around 1%, about the same as the flu. My colleagues in Bulgaria protested their shut-downs, and they showed that in Bulgaria, the death rate during the so-called pandemic was actually lower in 2020 than in 2019. Something is wrong with this picture!

Any information from physicians who questioned the safety of these experimental gene therapies was censored and opposed. People were deplatformed and maligned. To preserve our freedom of speech and to let people have informed consent, they need to hear both sides of an issue so they can make the individual choice right for that person.

Something is terribly wrong with a health care system that starts with medications and injections as the first line of defense against pathogens. The first line of defense should be one's own immune system. Health care needs to focus on ways to build immunity—but those methods, like eating healthy foods, exercise, and meditation do not make money for the pharmaceutical companies. We need a major overhaul in attitude toward health care, and that starts with passing this bill which protects a person's choice about whether or not to accept vaccines.

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

Sincerely,

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