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 Brandon Morris and I am the husband of a Premier Health Network Accountant. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because I believe getting the vaccine is a personal choice that should not be able to be mandated by any public or private entity.

My wife is a **100% remote accountant** and yet will lose her job if she isn't vaccinated by December. Her employment also provides my family medical insurance. If she loses employment it impacts our entire family in more ways than just finances.

Premier Health Systems is also forcing employees to "voluntarily resign" instead of being terminated. They claim it is so the employee can be considered for rehire if they become vaccinated. In reality, it is so the employee can't sue for wrongful termination. We are considering contacting an attorney to explore our options. However, if HB 248 is passed, it will save everyone a lot of expense and headache.

This is a time sensitive issue. Any efforts to expedite the normal legislative process is GREATLY appreciated.

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

Sincerely, Brandon Morris