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 Christine Gentile, I am a retired FirstEnergy employee from Amherst, OH. I passionately support HB 248 because a vaccine mandate takes away a personal, God-given freedom. If you take away this freedom, which one of our freedoms will be next? I also believe mandating a vaccine violates the Nuremburg Code which states:

The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision.

Finally, I do not believe a vaccine mandate is necessary for a virus with a 99% survival rate.

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

Sincerely,

Christine Gentile