HB248 Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act Proponent Testimony

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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Member of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Jensine Swick, and I am a Registered Nurse as well as a student in the Nurse Practitioner Program at Kent State University. I am also a Veteran of the United States Army and practiced as a Medic for 6 years. I am writing you today in support of Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act.

While I have always chosen to receive vaccines in the past, I believe any person should have the authority to say no. As an Intensive Care Nurse, I always encourage my patients to advocate for themselves, ask questions, and choose their care based on what is best for them. I spent 2012 in Afghanistan fighting for each and every single American's freedom. If we lose our right to choose, I can't help to question what I was risking my life for.

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

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