Dear Chairman Lipps, Vice Chairman Holmes, Ranking member Russo, and Member s of the House Health committee,

I would like to first Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is Jessica Hinson. First off, I am a mother of 2 beautiful Children, one which has been injured by vaccines as a child. Second, I am a nurse of 20 years. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because my child was vaccine injured. As a nurse I believe and trusted my physician that a vaccine was the only way to prevent disease and of course that is what we are also taught in nursing school. I trusted those above me and never had a second thought. I was never told we had a choice to get the shot or decline the shot. We were never told they had exemptions even as a nurse providing the care. We were never given full consent and disclosure. This life changing event has made me the nurse and advocate I am today when providing and advocating for my patients as well as myself and my family. When and what we put and have injected into our body should be our choice, not a mandate by any government or business. Here in Ohio, we continue to be blessed and grateful to have our current vaccination exemption status for our children. My question for all of you sitting here today is, why do we have this concept so stuck in heads that we must have a vaccine to be healthy??? My health is based on exercise, eating healthy and not consuming or injecting substances into by body that may have a potential to cause harm. This is my opinion and choice on what Health should be. Vaccines should not be a mandate for health. My Health should be my choice, not a mandate by any government nor a business. No one should not be in danger of losing their job, unable to attend college or a event for declining a vaccine when a vaccine is not the only way of prevention. What I put into my body should be my choice. A person should not be forced or coerced in any manner to get a vaccine by any business nor government.

I would like to thank you all again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need and urgency to pass House Bill 248.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hinson LPN