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 Kate Grindstaff and I am a mother and business analyst for a technology company and I support House Bill 248 because no-one should be forced to inject something into their body that they are in opposition to. We are sovereign beings and deserve to choose for ourselves and our family what we put into our bodies. Whether a treatment is approved or experimental, the choice belongs with the person who is being treated. Requiring a medical procedure in order to participate in a free society is an absolute oxymoron. Our country was founded on the principles of individual freedom and liberty and any step towards rekindling this freedom should always be supported.

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

Sincerely,

**Kate Grindstaff**