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 Michael Schaffner and I am an engineer. I support House Bill 248 because:

1) It is a self-evident, God given fundamental right of every human being to be afforded the liberty of making their own informed and independent decisions regarding medical procedures concerning their own bodies, as clearly codified in and protected by The Constitution of the United States of America.

2) It is a fundamental human right to be free from forced human experimentation, against one's will and well-informed knowledge, as clearly written in The Nuremberg Code (1947). It is one's fundamental human right to make the sole determination about whether or not any medical procedure or injection is experimental from their viewpoint, regardless of any government agency, bureaucrat, or medical doctor declaring otherwise.

3) I reserve the right to forego any injections of experimental biological agents and yield that privilege to those most desiring or those most in need of these injections. I reserve the right to make this decision, being of sound mind and independent will, with an understanding that (A) I have an extremely high chance of handling any infection well given my age and the health of my very well designed immune system and (B) there are several known treatments for COVID-19 with very high success rates for preventing hospitalization and/or death.

4) It is a logical fallacy to suggest that I necessarily be injected to protect the health of others from infection because in saying so, you have admitted that this specific injection does NOT protect me from those who have not received this injection.

5) It is a scientific enigma to suggest that, once infected and recovered, my natural acquired immunity to re-infection does not provide equivalent or superior protection to others than what is hypothesized for those who willingly choose to receive these experimental injections.

6) It is a gross error in judgement to suggest that high-risk immunocompromised or poor-health individuals be absolved from the personal responsibility of making the same mature decisions about their health and their lifestyle, as they otherwise would have made in the absence of COVID-19, being also susceptible to a plethora of other ubiquitous risks.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Schaffner