

Chairman Tim Derickson
Community and Family Advancement Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Derickson and members of the committee,

My name is Andrew Kustec, I am President of Students for Life at The University of Akron. I am writing to you about HB 294; surely a significant piece of legislation in our state. At this point I am sure you have heard almost every argument for and against the legislation; very compelling arguments at that. When the question arises whether or not to continue to fund Planned Parenthood, I think we need to ask the question of why our government funds programs in the first place. Every organization that receives federal or state money serves a purpose to help the common good or help those who cannot support themselves in some way. Quite frankly, Planned Parenthood does neither of these things. There is always a better option than abortion, *always*. Society has taken a cowardly approach to the situation. Now more than ever, we need to do all things necessary to promote a culture of life; a culture that reveres life in all stages. Please continue to make passionate efforts at defunding Planned Parenthood and to promote all pro-life legislation.

Sincerely,

Andrew Kustec

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