

To Representative Tim Schaffer,

Sir, I am David Simic, a student at Cedarville University. I wish to submit a digital testimony in favor of H.B. 317, in lieu of a physical appearance.

Although I am a Social Work major, there is a medical program at Cedarville University. These are individuals who are dedicated entire lives to ensure the health and safety of our fellow Ohioans. It can be a lucrative field, yet, as this bill suggests, there are noble medical professionals who are willing to forego payment in order to help those who are unable to afford proper treatment.

It is charitable work such as this that can save both the individual and the state thousands of dollars in the long-term as what would become severe complications requiring intensive medical interventions are nipped in the bud. What money that might be lost up front from the tax deduction can potentially be earned back several times in prevented medical costs. Furthermore, the tax deduction may very well encourage or allow other medical professionals to choose to work at a free clinic, having a greater impact on the sick and the ill who would otherwise go untreated.

I thank you for your consideration and look forward to watching H.B. 317's progress through the legislative process.

Sincerely,
T. David Simic