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SB 70

Good afternoon Chairman Bacon, Vice Chair Dolan, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. My name is Joe Fantozzi and I am the Chief Assistant Prosecutor for the Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency. Thank you for the opportunity to present written proponent testimony on Senate Bill 70.

The bill seeks to close loopholes and make adjustments to various administrative processes in the child support program. These processes are a cornerstone of our program, which have been put in place over a span of years, to expedite case processing and to provide efficient resolutions for the parties.

SB70 is comprised of a series of recommendations, most of which came from a Shareholders' Reform Group report in 2002. This group included legislators, Judges, magistrates, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services representatives, county child support representatives, and mothers and fathers. These recommendations include a number of provisions that need revisions as a result of changes in family structures and piecemealed fixes and work-arounds that have happened since the last major overhaul of the child support statutes in 2001.

I ask for your support of this bill as it moves through your committee. Thank you for your time and consideration.