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Chairman Merrin, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Member Boyd, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to testify today on House Bill 90. My name is Jessica Warner and I am the Director of Legislative Affairs for Ohio Right to Life. Today, I speak on behalf of our Board, affiliated chapters, and members in support of Senate Bill 90, the Fetal Education Act.

This bill will allow schools the option to increase education surrounding the development of the unborn. The more we are able to understand the developmental process and what is happening inside of the womb, the more we have seen hearts and minds change on the issue of life. Dr. Bernard Nathanson once stated, “Fewer women would have abortions if wombs had windows.” When we are able to more clearly see the scientific reality of life in the womb, we are also able to understand the brutality and inhumanity of abortion. This is reflected in the recent Marist poll that shows that 80% of Americans believe that abortion should be restricted to at least 12 weeks gestation, a 5% increase just since January!

This bill also provides a much-needed resource to women who are pregnant or will become pregnant by creating a database of all public and private agencies that provide prenatal and pregnancy care. We in Ohio are constantly searching for ways to reduce infant mortality and create better birth outcomes. This can be one more piece in that puzzle to ensure that young women who may find themselves pregnant are quickly connected to the prenatal care that is so needed. So many women feel that abortion is their only option because they are unaware of the myriad resources available to them when it comes to prenatal care, material assistance, and even emotional support.



Education and information are invaluable, especially in regards to furthering the cause of life. So on behalf of Ohio Right to Life, I ask that you vote in favor of House Bill 90 to continue to protect life of the most vulnerable in Ohio.