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**Senate Bill 23 – Six-Week Abortion Ban**  
**Opponent Testimony**  
**Ohio House Health Committee**  
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**Pro-Choice: COMPLETE Rights For Women**

Chairman Merrin, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Boyd, and Members of the Ohio House Committee,

Women have only had the right to vote for 99 years. They are still fighting for all their rights – for full equality.

Legal and financial equity is still a serious struggle – but no group is fervently trying to pass legislature prohibiting women from financial or real estate investments!

Why do women still have to struggle, mobilize and fight for their complete reproductive rights?

Women must have the right of complete bodily autonomy, full reproductive rights and control, the same power as all men enjoy.

In this ‘land of the free’, the women of the Buckeye state are oppressed and endangered by the dozens and dozens of unrealistic bans: unnecessary clinic restrictions, onerous waiting times, and unscientific concepts about the condition of the embryo/fetus – which lead to even more unnecessary bans.

And when the woman, having made **her legal decision** to terminate her pregnancy, has gotten the money for the abortion and the time off work, and (possibly) day care for her other children, she has to walk the gauntlet of hateful, screaming, threatening dissenters – just to get into the clinic.

**NO ONE DESERVES THIS PUNISHMENT FOR A LAWFUL MEDICAL PROCEDURE.**

You, the 2019 Ohio Senators and Representatives, must vote down ALL proposed abortion bans and restrictions. If you do this, you will be remembered by history as the legislators who stood up for all the women of Ohio – and you will be standing up for the positive choice of the CHOSEN and WANTED future children of Ohio.

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