

Testimony of Michelle Cotterman, RN  
Interested Party HB65  
Health Committee  
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Chairman Merrin, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Member Boyd and Honorable Members of the Health Committee, my name is Michelle Cotterman I am a registered nurse and the mother of two children who utilize in home daycare services during the summer. I am here today to express my concerns over House Bill 65.

I am not opposed to the idea of required notification should it be determined that there is a serious risk to the health or safety of a child receiving care in a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home. I am however, concerned about allowing Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to define what constitutes a serious health and safety risk. House Bill 65 provides no guidelines for this determination and, therefore, seeks to hand over that authority to an unelected and unaccountable government agency. Citizens in Ohio are growing tired of these government departments being granted such vague and potentially broad powers over citizens. As a person who values the legislative process and individual rights, I respectfully ask that HB 65 be amended to include specific definitions of what constitutes a serious health and safety risk.

Thank you very much for your time and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.