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## Opponent Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 125

**To:** Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee,

**From:** Graham Bowman, Attorney, Ohio Poverty Law Center

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Chairman Bacon, Vice Chairman Dolan, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Graham Bowman. I am an attorney with the Ohio Poverty Law Center. The Ohio Poverty Law Center is a nonprofit law office that advocates for evidenced-based policies aimed at protecting the rights of low-income Ohioans living, working, and raising their families in poverty. We work closely with legal aid agencies who provide represent thousands of families every year across the state in promoting access to healthcare, family stability, and expanded access to justice and opportunity.

We continue to oppose Senate Bill 125 as currently drafted and have not yet reached an agreement with its proponents regarding our proposed amendments. We look forward to continuing conversations with the proponents of the bill should it be passed out of this committee. It is our hope that any eventual legislation addresses our concerns that SB 125, as currently drafted, will have a severe impact on a major source of income for low-income families.

Sincerely,

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