



Representative Tim Derickson
Community and Family Advancement Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

March 10, 2015

Dear Chairman Derickson,

On behalf of the Ohio Right to Life Society, I am writing to express our support of House Bill 50. We are proud to stand behind legislation that promotes the dignity of all human life, including that of the elderly, disabled, and vulnerable children in foster care.

Children in foster care face tremendous obstacles. By extending the age of foster care from 18 to 21 we are ensuring that thousands of children are able to stay under the guardianship of their foster parents. Not only does this bill protect the most vulnerable among us, but it promotes the family unit while giving these children additional, needed time to develop the life skills necessary to thrive as an adult.

H.B. 50 also promotes an awareness and best practices of legal guardianship through the codification of the ward's bill of rights. This legislation is an important step toward protecting the rights of those who are not able to legally make certain decisions themselves.

We are grateful for the efforts of Representative Pelanda and Representative Grossman to be a voice for some of the most vulnerable among us, and we ask you to support House Bill 50.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Krider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephanie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Krider".

Stephanie Ranade Krider
Executive Director