

**Ashley Driskell**  
**HB 258 – Six-Week Abortion Ban**  
**Opponent Testimony**  
**Ohio Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee**  
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Chairman/woman Burke, Vice Chair Beagle Ranking Member Hayes, and Members of the Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Ashley Driskell. I am a resident of Toledo Ohio. I am strongly opposed to House Bill 258.

It is uncomfortable for me to speak with you on something as personal as my health. Abortion is a form of health care. There are many reasons on why I might need one in the future. I am not going to write all the reasons why I would need one. I only know that if this bill passes the only way that I would be able to receive one is if my life was in danger.

Who gets to decide when my life is in danger? Not my doctor. There are only a few diagnosis that this bill would allow an abortion for and mental health is not one of them. With House Bill 258, doctors will be slow to act. They will not want to be jailed if an abortion is preformed, and the law doesn't consider a diagnosis to be truly life threatening. Is the government going to make sure that my husband and current child get support that would be needed if I was not around?

Abortion is health care. It is something that should be discussed with doctors and patients. I hope to never need an abortion. But if I do, I hope that the only conversation around it will be with my doctor.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote no on this dangerous House Bill 258. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.