

H.B. 258 Opposition Testimony of Kristina Andrews  
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Hi my name is Kristina Andrews and I reside in Cleveland, OH. As the mother of two boys I recall learning of each pregnancy around the seventh week. From my experience with healthcare providers, past physicians did not want to see me as an ultrasound patient until week eight, which left me at the mercies of emergency rooms to administer urine tests, blood work, and biased consultations regarding my pregnancies.

Ohio barely has the capacity to take care of women who choose to continue pregnancies, and I would much rather my tax dollars be spent towards fixing that crisis instead of creating a crisis in which people are not able to access abortion care.

I oppose H.B. 258, because most women, like myself, do not find out we are pregnant until six weeks. Most women, like myself, are more than capable of deciding what is best for ourselves, our families, and our futures.

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to not pass H.B. 258. Ohio families deserve expanded health care, not unconstitutional restrictions.