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Opponent Testimony  
Senate Bill 23  
Ohio Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee  
Wednesday, February 26, 2019**

Chairman Burke, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Antonio and Members of the Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee,

My name is Katherine Shearman and I am writing today to urge you to vote no on that Senate Bill 23

This bill is saying abortion will be banned after six weeks. Many times a woman doesn't know she is pregnant until then. A woman needs to have access to healthcare in order to make proper decisions as to what choices she could make.

If this bill is passed it would set back the progress woman have made 50 years.

In my opinion this bill would not prevent a woman from deciding to have an abortion, it would make it more difficult and possibly unsafe.

I urge you to defeat this bill and work towards education and healthcare to all woman in need of it.

Access to safe abortion methods should be for all Ohioans. Woman need to be able to choose what is best for their bodies and if that choice is abortion they need to have access at a safe facility.

Please vote against SB 23 to protect access to healthcare in Ohio.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Shearman