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Senate Bill 260 – Telemedicine Abortion Ban
Opponent Testimony
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Chairman Burke, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Ohio Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 260.

My name is Theresa Cash and I am a 58 year old grandmother. I have been a navy spouse, church secretary and had a successful career in the graphic arts. It would have been a different story for me if I had not had safe legal access to abortion. Which is why I strongly oppose SB 260 and SB 258.

I got pregnant at 19 by a guy I was dating who I thought was serious about me and our relationship. Once we had sex he was finished with me and I was pregnant. I tried to get this guy to work with me but he said he wanted an experienced partner, which I was not and pregnant? He did not believe me, you see we only had sex once.

Because there is no recourse for women in this type of situation access to safe and legal healthcare is imperative. I almost missed out because I was alone and had to earn the money for the procedure and take public transportation to get to the doctor. I will forever be grateful that I had a job, was living where public transport is available and abortion was considered healthcare.

As a mother and grandmother I am not ashamed of my choice. I met the right person, raised two productive humans, contributed to the good of the planet thru my life. I want every woman to have the same opportunity for a good life, one she chooses. Please leave a healthy legal option for women by changing the current abortion bans.

Thank you
Theresa Cash