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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.

When I think of Planned Parenthood, I think about "Personal Experience". Those two words are associated with Planned Parenthood for good reason. It is a place where you are treated as a person for your individual personal experiences.

My personal experience was 10 years ago. I had to switch jobs, therefore I did not have medical coverage, and was not able to afford more children after my husband was medically released from the United States Navy.

I had heard about Planned Parenthood from my sister who had needed them during a similar circumstance in her life.

The people were friendly and knowledgeable. There was never any judgement.

My personal experience with Planned Parenthood blew my mind. I also have a blood disorder and during my appointment with Planned Parenthood the doctor admitted that they hadn't heard of it before (a common occurrence) but the Personal part that made me feel like I mattered was , she got up and went and found out what it was, and what birth control I could safely be on. In the 6 years since I had been diagnosed with my blood disorder, that was the only time s doctor took the time to double check and make absolutely sure that they understood it and that I did too.

A year later when we were in a better place and trying again, I had an ectopic pregnancy. That was the hardest, I have ever grieved in my life. If I had not received care when I had, I would have died. My child would have been an orphan.

I'm thankful for the kindness and empathy of the nurses, and doctors and staff that helped me through that experience.

My most recent experience was with my friend. 19 years old, no medical coverage, college student. She found out she was pregnant. She knew she wasn't going to be able to take care of the child. She had no desire to change the course of her life because of a broken condom. Sometimes preventive care isn't enough. Plan B also failed.

She was extremely grateful for Planned Parenthood. Her experience was hers, personal and intense.

Bodily autonomy and the right to decide for ourselves as women is what women have been fighting years for.

Doctors should be allowed to treat their patients and women deserve the right to choose.