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Proponent Testimony HB 352

Prohibit blindness from denying or limiting care of minors

Dear Chair, Brett Hudson Hillyer, Vice Chair, Diane V. Grendell, and Ranking Member, Tavi Galonski,

Please pass HB352 out of committee for a successful and important vote to ensure that it is moved forward.

I have been blind for 40 years. I have raised my children and assisted to rear others as a blind person. I am in a program helping other blind persons with disabilities to learn tools and techniques about living blind. These individuals are newly blind and as a mentor, this program will offer support and resources to ensure that they are confident in providing daily activities for their families.

Please support this significant bill for a successful vote. Because, I have been fortunate not to have any difficulties while bringing up my children; I know that those who I mentor will have the same support system as sighted parents do. No one knows it all. However, with a community of like persons, results are always favorable.

Therefore, I am counting on you to defend and protect disabled families across Ohio giving them the same opportunity as “nondisabled parents; the right to parent”.

Thank you!

Denise Moss