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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,

I am extremely hopeful that your committee will take a positive stance and vote HB352 out of committee for a vote to protect the rights of disabled parents to raise, adopt and be a guardian to children across Ohio.

We as blind citizens have a right to parent and not be fearful of criticism without just cause. There are thousands of blind successful parents who have children as law abiding citizens giving back to others from what has been taught to them at a younger age. Now, I am a grandmother who can not fathom someone hindering or preventing me from caring for my grandchildren. So, please pass this bill and help protect the rights of disabled parents.

Thank you for all you do for the blind, seniors and disabled Ohioans.

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