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**Ohio House of Representatives  
Families, Aging & Human Services  
House Bill 145  
Mike Moroski  
Cradel Cincinnati  
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Chairman Manchester, Vice Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member West and members of the committee:

My name is Mike Moroski and I am the Policy & Partnership Manager at Cradle Cincinnati. Cradle is a collective impact collaborative in Hamilton County that seeks to reduce the infant mortality rate to zero. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill 145, which would expand initial child care eligibility from 130% of the Federal Poverty Level to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

At Cradle we know that toxic stress is a contributor to extreme preterm birth which is a major driver of infant death. As such, we are supportive in this bill as it would result in less stress for moms in our community. Expanding childcare eligibility would be a significant thing for many of the moms in our region of the state.

Respectfully,

Mike Moroski  
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