

Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member Liston and members of the House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee, thank for allowing me the opportunity to speak in support of SB 157, the Born Alive Protection Act.

My name is Mary Gutman and I am a nurse and volunteer with Dayton Right to Life.

I am for protecting children in utero and following birth.. If a child who is being aborted survives the abortion and is born alive, I believe that this child deserves to be resuscitated and cared for by appropriate medical professionals. I am a registered nurse with over 50 years being licensed in Ohio. Many years ago I worked in an acute care hospital in Dayton. A baby was born very prematurely. The neonatologist was called to come and do appropriate resuscitation interventions. He refused. The nurses, not knowing what to do, placed the baby in a isolette thinking that he would die soon. Surprisingly, after one hour, he still had vital signs. They repeatedly called the doctor, but he did not come. So they placed this baby boy, on his mom's chest (skin to skin) to keep him warm. He started to breathe better, pink up, and he lived. While this little boy was not intended to be aborted, it showed me the power of life. To allow a baby to die, once they have survived an abortion is just very wrong. It shows total inhumanity for persons. The argument, my body my choice, certainly does not apply in any sense in these circumstances. I asked for your support on Senate Bill 157. Thank you.