

Chairwoman Manchester, Vice Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member Denson, and Members of the House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee – thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on HB 496.

My name is Lydiann Mast from the McArthur Amish community in McArthur, Ohio. I am a mother of six children all of which I used a midwife for. Myself and my community support HB 496 as it would help us to protect our choice to give birth at home and increase safety by allowing our midwife to legally carry lifesaving medications and order ultrasounds and labs legally. It is very important to our community that midwifery is safe and accessible for us so I fully support HB 496.

Thank you,

Lydiann Mast