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**Testimony on HB 110  
House Finance Committee**

**Chairman Oelslager, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Crawley, and Esteemed Committee Members,**

**I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to offer this testimony on Ohio's operating budget!**

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**My name is Rashawna Perry and I am the Executive Director of Marimor Industries Inc. and we are located in Lima, Ohio. We are a not-for-profit business that provides supports for 244 Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and we employ 76 employees.**

**I am very supportive of the budget initiatives outlined by Governor DeWine, Director Davis for the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), and Director Miller for Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). With these budget initiatives and the leadership of Director Davis (and Director Miller), Ohioans with developmental and intellectual disabilities will continue to receive the vital services that organizations like mine provide.**

Marimor Industries is the only service provider in Allen County who offers 24/7 transportation to Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities to and from community employment. This service helps aging caregivers and working parents in getting their adult to and from work. Marimor Industries also provide nursing services to the day program which allows us to provide day services to those with extended health diagnosis to attend and gain life skills. Lastly, we provide job skills training from the first stage of work interest to compatible community employment using our Steppingstones model.

**To best support these services and the Ohioans who receive and provide them, I encourage you to support the addition of the following initiatives into Ohio's biennium budget:**

- Increase general revenue fund appropriations in DODD's budget to fund much needed Homemaker and Personal Care, Day and Vocational Services and Nonmedical Transportation Medicaid home and community-based waiver services rate increase. *These increases will provide much needed funds for Direct Support Professional (DSP) wages, support for other front-line professionals and sustain the infrastructure necessary to provide our services.*
- Increase general revenue fund appropriations in DODD's budget to support the reimbursement formula for intermediate care facilities (ICF).
- Support a budget amendment that would allow ICFs to choose between a reimbursement rate freeze or a continuation of the formula for the first year of the biennium.

- Support the creation of a Task Force to address our system's workforce challenges. *This Task Force will identify several initiatives and projects designed to help providers recruit and retain a qualified workforce.*
- Support the as introduced budget for Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

With your leadership, together we can ensure these services are available to the Ohioans that so greatly need them! **Thank you again, for the opportunity and privilege to bring my concerns before you and if I can ever be of any help in this process, please let me know.**

Regards,



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