

My name is Sharon Saracene. I have lived most of my 50 years in Ohio. I am a single mom raising two teenage sons. I work at Jones Day in Cleveland, and I am writing to you to convey my strong opposition to SB 17.

I have always believed that we all have an obligation to help those who are in need and that no child should ever go hungry. I have donated time and money to help others. I have raised my sons with the belief that we should all make the world a better place.

SB 17 will put additional hardships and hurdles in the way of Ohioans who need assistance. The Covid pandemic has been brutal to so many in Ohio. I've seen the long lines at the Cleveland Food Bank. I've heard from those running food banks about the increased need for food. A person and a state should be judged by how they help children, the elderly and the hungry. If Ohio makes it harder for families to survive, they will certainly be judged. I leave you with this quote.

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little." -- FDR, Inaugural Address, January 20, 1937.

Please consider my testimony and vote no on this unnecessary bill.

Sincerely,
Sharon Saracene