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Senate Health Committee
Testimony on Substitute HB 110

Chair Huffman, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Committee,

My name is Mr. Rodriguez, I am a member of NOBLE, I would like to testify with regards to education and funding for childcare for little kids. I have 9 nieces and nephews and am very concerned for the wellbeing of all Ohio children.

Due to the fact I live in a low-income neighborhood, I believe that schools attended by low-income folks deserve the same priorities as wealthy folks in the suburbs. The difference is very noticeable, and low-income kids are not being properly educated, and their teachers are not receiving proper funds. I believe it is very important to fund K-12 education equally across the board, for all kids in Ohio.

Childcare is very important for our kids. We need more funding for childcare, so we can bring more adults into the workforce, and get them back into employment while their kids are being well taken care of. We should increase the childcare subsidy to 200% federal poverty level, so low income families can participate in childcare that high income families already have available. Just as with K-12 schools, every child should be treated equally, regardless of their family's income.

Thank you for your time.

Mr. Larry Rodriguez