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Kids Count Too, Inc. Testimony on SB 239

Chair Huffman, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Antonio, and Members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony today regarding Senate Bill 239.

My name is Timothy Overly; I am the Administrative Director of Kids Count Too. We are a private non-profit foster care and adoption agency licensed by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services. As an agency director, I am in full support of the legislation of SB 239 for the following reasons:

1. This legislation will ensure quality while maintaining the flexibility needed to keep up with the growing demand for this staff in Ohio
2. The pandemic has exacerbated the already-existing workforce shortage and this legislation is a powerful tool to help us combat it
3. When it comes to professional treatment staff, PCSAs are already utilizing the same prerequisites that our organization is asking to be included.
4. The legislation will ensure that children can find safe and stable homes sooner, and will have the treatment support they need from qualified caseworkers.
5. Private non-profit agencies have difficulties hiring licensed professionals. In order to be competitive and comparable to PCSAs, the passing of this legislation is long overdue.

Chair Huffman, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Antonio, and Members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony today regarding Senate Bill 239. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you,

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