

Dear Senator Manning,

I am writing to strongly encouraging you to support HB 64, a bill that makes fertility fraud illegal in Ohio, as an amendment to SB 288, the criminal sentencing bill. I am an ally for those accessing fertility services and for donor-conceived people. This bill received unanimous bipartisan support in the House Criminal Justice Committee and has been thoroughly vetted and amended to strengthen its provisions.

This bill is supported by numerous victims of Fertility Fraud, and also by Adoption Network Cleveland, the US Donor Conceived Council, and the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association.

This affects any Ohioan who seeks fertility services and the children born as a result. It would criminalize doctors using their own semen, or switching out a husband's or chosen donor's semen for their own or other semen not consented to. This is a huge violation of medical ethics and truly, it is criminal. I urge you to follow the lead of several other states, including nearby Indiana, where the documentary 'Our Father' took place. I urge you to support HB 64/ SB 288.

Sincerely,

Marci Purcell