

Proponent Testimony HB34

Chairman Hillyer, Vice Chair Mathews, Ranking Member Galonski, and members of the House Civil Justice Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 34.

As a mother and health care professional, I hold this bill dear to heart. Serving on jury is the patriotic duty of each citizen to his or her community. Unfortunately, to a lactating mother, this can come with consequences. On average, a nursing baby will feed every 2-4 hours and often every hour during its initial weeks of life. A breast feeding mother without access to her child or the ability to pump is at risk for mastitis, an infection often requiring antibiotics. It is vital we allow exemption for nursing mothers to appropriately care for their children during these important stages of life.

Thank you for your time and I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation,
Andrea Strable