

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.

(Tell how this legislation would benefit you. For example: easing the burden of trying to comply with jury duty and taking care of your child and how important time spent with your child is.)

Thank you for your time and I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation.

Mindy Stoller

My name is Mindy Stoller. I am a resident of Haviland Ohio and mother to five children. I feel easing the burden of jury duty to a mother who is busy raising and providing for her young family is pertinent. Young children take much time and need much care. It would be very difficult for a mother to leave her family for more than several hours.

We want to create and support healthy families in our society. To do that, we need dedicated mothers and fathers. Most often it seems that fathers enter the workforce and support their family financially every day, while mothers are given the tall order of staying home to look after their children. It takes a team effort to keep the family unit together as quite a lot of emotional and financial needs arise. I believe our mothers should be given the time and grace needed to stay home and properly nurture and provide for their families during the early stages of development. A jury duty may entail days, weeks, maybe months of her time, and her children and family would greatly suffer.

In conclusion, I strongly support exempting a mother of young children from jury duty. It is in the best interest of the family unit, and thus, the best interest of our society as a whole. We should continue to allow these young families time together; nurturing and loving one another as their children are in the early stages of development. Parents, especially young mothers, need to be attentive and present as much as possible for these young children to thrive and grow. Let's face it, these young children are our future. Therefore, it is necessary we do what we can to work together to give these children the best, most conducive environment possible to thrive; time spent with their mothers.