

PROPONENT TESTIMONY OF

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IN SUPPORT OF:

House Bill No. 7

Testimony

Columbus, OH May 8, 2023 – I have been in the child care field for over 20 years. My child care center is located in Northeast Columbus, Ohio and 95% of the families I serve receive benefits from the State of Ohio. Children in Ohio are not getting the care they need.

Young children need uninterrupted access to health insurance to thrive. This can happen if Ohio children have continuous early childhood Medicaid eligibility regardless of household income fluctuations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB7 and give voice to the concerns of mothers and babies around Ohio.