Ohio House Public Health Policy Committee Proponent Testimony - HB 602 Nancy Dubina June 26, 2024

Chairman Mathews, Vice Chair Stewart, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the Public Health Policy Committee,

My name is Nancy Dubina . I appreciate the opportunity to offer written testimony in favor of HB 602.

I would like you to support this bill so that children who are taking part in co-op settings will not be confused with children who are in a day-care or child care setting. These educational pods need to be exempt from state licensure requirements.

I home educated many years ago and my children benefited greatly from co-ops. Very qualified adults shared their delights with the children in areas such as science, sports, art, music, history, writing, etc. Because of the wide variety of ages of the students, the children were divided into an older pod and a younger pod. My children learned a lot from the expertise of the teachers, as well as spending time with other peers.

Please support HB 602.

Sincerely,

Nancy Dubina