



Proponent Testimony on HB33

House Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

Chairwoman Carruthers, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the House Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, thank you for reviewing this testimony on HB33. My name is Jeremy Caffee, and I am the Executive Director of Access Center for Independent Living located in Dayton, Ohio.

I am submitting this testimony to discuss the potential impact of the request for increased funding in the Centers for Independent Living in my community. Our center serves Clark, Greene, Montgomery, and Preble counties with the comprehensive services of Centers for Independent Living. With our state funding, we are able to also serve Miami County as well.

If the funding is increased, our Center will see a direct increase in funding to serve the disability community in our region. We have the potential to expand in the following areas and way:

- Increase our service area to 3 additional counties, to include Darke, Auglaize, and Champaign Counties which are currently unserved counties in our area.
- Provide increased independent living services for adults and youth in the 3 unserved counties.
- Increase resources available to individuals with disabilities in the unserved counties.
- Provide outreach and community education to the communities which are currently unserved.

This funding will be vital to the services we offer in our region, and we appreciate your support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeremy Caffee".

Jeremy Caffee

Executive Director

Access Center for Independent Living