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Chairman Roemer, Vice Chair Merrin, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for considering my testimony. I am from Beavercreek in Greene County, 70th Ohio House District. I am a parent of two young adults. I am a retired chemist and medical administrative worker who served more than twenty five years as a Sunday School teacher, twenty two of those years in Ohio. My husband is a physician.

I strongly oppose HB 1. It proposes a flat income tax. This would result in lower income taxes for those who are more well off, and, would result in less much needed income tax revenue for the state. Ohio income tax for the wealthy has been decreasing since legislation in 2005. We do not need more of this. It is another variation on trickle down economics which have long been disproven. Even though my own family might pay less state taxes under HB 1, I do not support it because in the long run it weakens Ohio.

Please do not pass HB 1 out of committee.

Thank you.

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