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The Honorable Bill Roemer
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
Ohio Statehouse
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Roemer and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

On behalf of the nearly 3,000 members of the Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, I am writing today to express our support for House Bill 118, sponsored by State Representatives Melanie Miller and Nick Santucci. This legislation would exempt baby products from the state sales tax, and provide much needed financial relief to families across the Buckeye State.

As you know, the costs associated with raising a child are ever increasing and parents are doing everything they can to provide for their children and keep them safe and healthy. By exempting baby products from the state sales tax, we can lower the cost of diapers and wipes, car and booster seats, baby carriers, strollers, cribs, and baby monitors. This is a meaningful action we can take to support parents and caregivers in Ohio.

This issue has already gained strong support in Ohio, with a Senate companion measure (SB 39) being introduced and a similar proposal being included in Governor DeWine's budget proposal earlier this year. Further, a number of other states have enacted similar legislation.

In closing, it is my hope that you will pass HB 118 and take this important step to supporting Ohio children and families. Our members are committed to keeping children healthy and safe, and this legislation supports that work. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Wervey Arnold".

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