

Chairman Roemer, Vice Chair Lorenz, Ranking Member Troy, and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee – thank you for the opportunity to provide Proponent testimony on House Bill 254.

Hello, my name is Michael Nye, and I am a medically retired Navy SeaBee. I live outside of Upper Sandusky Ohio with my wife of 25 years (as of today) and my 3 kids Ryan, AJ and Sara. I am writing you today to talk a little about my life and how HB 254 will help my family and I once it is passed.

I am 90% disabled and have had multiple surgeries on my Spine and face. I have had multiple spinal fusions from my neck down to my lower back. I also have neuropathy in my right leg from all the damage done to my nerves and cord. I now must use a cane while walking and have had multiple falls because of the nerve damage. I have had 2 reconstructive surgeries on my nasal cavity to fix my breathing issues. I also suffer from PTSD and those are just a few of my medical issues. My income right now is relying heavily on my VA pension which is around \$2700.00 a month and my wife brings home a bit more but after we pay the bills, we only have about \$500 or so a month to play with. Once I get approved for 100 % things may get a little better, but we will still be struggling. This bill will help tremendously.

I am asking for your unanimous support for this bill and your vote to pass it. We as veterans strongly believe that HB 254 will help those veterans like me in need. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely
Michale Nye
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