

Hello,

My name is Jared Lucas, and I am testifying in support of SB 159's proposal to provide tax relief for donations to a certified non-profit pregnancy resource center. While I am not a business owner or someone who makes a lot of money, I do donate financially to Heartbeats of Licking County when I can. The work they do for women and families in need is absolutely outstanding. They are such a valuable resource to the community. As a teacher, I know students in need who have benefitted from Heartbeats. Because of this, I am proud to have helped Heartbeats when I can. SB 159 would help by further incentivizing people to support organizations like Heartbeats of Licking County to provide real, boots on the ground service that can provide efficient and timely assistance many government services are not able to do. While reducing tax burdens on citizens has its own economic benefits, encouraging financial contributions to places like Heartbeats will also reduce burdens on the state in its own attempts to help those in need. It is my hope that this provision receives bipartisan support to encourage financial assistance to organizations like Heartbeats that helps families in need and saves lives. Thank you.

Jared Lucas