

**Vance Quatez Bennett**

**Regarding: The Ohio Senate Finance Committee hearing on S.B. 159**

**June 24, 2024**

My name is Vance Bennett, and I am a husband, father of four adult children, and grandfather to five grandchildren. I am also a financial advisor, a tax preparer, and a concerned Ohioan.

I am testifying to the benefit I believe will result in the passage of S.B. 159.

I am the child of a 15-year-old teenage mother who valued my life more than any personal hardship she would face by choosing to allow me to be born. In fact, she says she never considered the alternative. I am eternally grateful to her for that decision.

Growing up was difficult, and finances were always a challenge. Single parents, whether moms or dads, need support from our community. Pregnancy resource centers help meet that need. S.B. 159 will enhance their ability to provide this support. Our society and government want and need people to be more giving and generous, not by compulsion but out of compassion. Additionally, we should be willing to accept participation that is incentivized through a tax credit. S.B. 159 encourages individuals to help others, fostering a sense of community.

As a financial advisor, I speak with clients about leaving a legacy. As a tax preparer, I am asked by my clients how they can reduce their taxes. Passing S.B. 159 offers an important way to help Ohioans with both of these goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Vance Quatez Bennett, CFP®**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vance Quatez Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized initial "V".