

**Testimony on HB33 before Senate Health Committee
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Tim Walters**

Chairman Huffman, Vice Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health Committee, my name is Tim Walters. I am here today with NOBLE to discuss Kinship Care. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I am a Kinship Caregiver from Cleveland, OH.

I ask you today to do more for Kinship Caregivers.

Additionally, I ask that you restore funding for the Kinship Caregiver Program. The Kinship Caregiver Program has been funded at \$10 million, per year. The program provides one-time stabilization expenses, such as cribs or beds for children and short-term reimbursement for childcare for kinship caregivers.

Thank you for the opportunity.