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Hb28 Sponsor Testimony

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Good afternoon Chairman Huffman, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio, and all other members of the Senate Health Committee. I am here today to provide sponsor testimony on HB 28, which aims to designate March as Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Triple negative breast cancer accounts for about 10-15 percent of all breast cancer cases. The term refers to cancer cells that lack estrogen or progesterone receptors (ER or PR) and do not have the protein HER2.

Although it only accounts for a relatively low percentage of breast cancer cases, raising awareness about this type of cancer is crucial for several reasons:

1. It predominantly affects young women under the age of 40 and women of color.
2. The survival rates for this type of cancer are typically lower than those of other types of breast cancer.
3. Triple negative breast cancer has fewer treatment options than other types of invasive breast cancer.

TNBC differs from other types of invasive breast cancer in that it tends to grow and spread faster, has fewer treatment options, and tends to have a worse prognosis. This is why it is important that we, as Ohioans, take the initiative to highlight this disease, calling for more resources, more testing, and increased awareness overall.

Designating March as Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month will serve as a powerful reminder of the need for continued research and support. It will provide a platform to educate the public about the unique challenges faced by those diagnosed with TNBC and to encourage early detection and prompt treatment.

By passing HB 28, we can help ensure that individuals affected by triple negative breast cancer receive the attention and care they deserve. This designation can inspire community events, fundraisers, and educational campaigns that will not only raise awareness but also drive funding for vital research and support services.

Together, we can make a significant impact in the fight against this aggressive form of breast cancer and offer hope to those battling the disease, as well as an opportunity for prevention to young women.

Thank you again for allowing hb28 on the committee floor today. I will now accept any questions you all have.